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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH-ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 16th February, 1928, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and if thought fit to sanction the payment to the Directors of the yearly sum of \$1,000.00 as an annual bonus in addition to the yearly sum of \$1,000.00 payable to them under paragraph 96 of the Company's Articles of Association as from the 1st January, 1928. The purpose of this is to make effective the following resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Company held on 28th January, 1927:—"That the Directors' remuneration be increased from \$1,000.00 per annum to \$2,000.00 per annum."

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 30th January, 1928.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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13th, 14th, 15th and 18th
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Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before SATURDAY, 11th February, 1928, at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days racing.

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Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 30th January, 1928.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, the 7th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th January to 7th February, 1928, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 21st January, 1928.

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FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 9th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 1st February to FRIDAY, 10th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

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LABOUR DISPUTE.

LOCAL MONOPOLISTS AT
LOGGERHEADS.

A FRIENDLY PARLEY.

A dispute has arisen between the Tung Tak Labour Union and another labour party over labour monopoly in various sections of Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories.

It appears that formerly the Tung Tak Union monopolised the labourers at the Yaumati Ferry Wharf, the Union paying the Ferry Company a rent of \$10 per day.

At the beginning of the Chinese New Year, however, the leader of another labour party who are members of the Vegetable and Fruit Sellers' Union, stopped in and secured the monopoly from the Ferry Company by agreeing to pay the monthly rent of \$400.

This resulted in the former wharf labourers who are members of the Tung Tak Union threatening to start a labour war against the new men working at the wharf. Luckily, the heads of the two Unions had the good sense to arrange a friendly parley, the joint meeting taking place on Saturday.

The dispute is reported to have been settled as the outcome of the meeting and everybody is again happy.

MME. BLUEBEARD.

CHINESE HUSBANDS OF
RUSSIAN WOMAN.

ATHENS ALARMED.

Athens is much alarmed by the revelation of the exploits of a Russian woman named Mme. Tamara, but chastised by the newspapers "Mme. Bluebeard."

The woman first appeared in Athens four years ago, announcing that she was a widow. She was devoutly religious, belonging to a peculiar Russian sect, and turned one of the rooms in her beautiful flat into a private chapel. She also installed a furnace for central heating, of greater size than seemed called for by the climate and the size of her flat.

After a year she married again—a prominent Chinese merchant, whom she converted to her faith. He was suddenly recalled to China—so Mme. Tamara declared—and in a subsequent letter, announced that he would not return. She then obtained divorce under the easy system obtaining in Greece, and shortly after married another Chinese, after similarly converting him to her own faith. Number Two disappeared as quickly as his predecessor, and his wife could obtain no news of him whatever.

Again she won the heart of a Celestial, but this third



Gene Tunney, heavyweight champion, did his bit to help a committee of debutantes raise funds for the Association for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor for their knock-out fight against tuberculosis. Gene contributed a number of boxing gloves, which were to be sold.

CHEERS FOR DOGS.

EXPLORER RESIGNS FROM A
GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

"INSULT BY A PEER."

Captain Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, has tendered his resignation as honorary corresponding member of the Royal Geographical Society following correspondence respecting statements made in an article published in an American magazine and in his book, "Roald Amundsen: My Life as an Explorer," published in America.

"The Geographical Journal" for December reproduces the passages to which objection was taken and publishes the correspondence.

"Flagrant and Offensive."

The quotation is from an article headed—"Amundsen answers his critics," and reads:—

"But a more flagrant and offensive incident, because it came from a quarter better informed and less justified in equivocation occurred at the dinner tendered me in London by the Royal Geographical Society, presided over by the nominal president of the society, Lord Curzon of Kedleston."

"After describing in appropriate detail the reason for my lecture, and laying some stress upon the value which I had attached to the dogs as contributors to our success, Lord Curzon ended this speech with the phrase: 'I therefore propose three cheers for the dog'—clearly indicating the next moment the satirical and derogatory intention of the phrase, by turning to me with an unnecessary calming gesture and, though I had made no move, urging me with great earnestness not to make a rejoinder to the thinly veiled insult."

"Inaccurate and False." The secretary of the society wrote to Captain Amundsen pointing out that the president at the dinner paid him the unusual compliment of proposing the toast of his health.

"I am instructed to say," he wrote, "that the president feels that explanation and apology are due to the society for the publication of statements so inaccurate and calculated to convey so false an impression of the society's attitude and conduct towards yourself."

Amundsen refused to apologise, and the society wrote that "they would be reluctantly obliged to conclude that he did not desire to

man was already engaged to a woman of his own race, who became so increased at the breach that she employed detectives to trace Husband Number Two, so that the Russian woman might not be left free to marry again.

Investigations, it is alleged, led to the discovery that the bodies of the two Chinese husbands had been committed to the flames of the large central heating installation, after their throats had been cut while they slept.

Mme. Tamara was arrested, and the police investigations have revealed, it is stated, that the two murdered husbands whose fate has been traced were only the last of a series.

The police are convinced that the woman was influenced by abnormal religious mania, as, according to the tenets of her sect, she had converted lost souls by offering them up as sacrifices.

CHELSEA ARTS BALL.

NOVEL SCENES AT ALBERT
HALL.

London, Jan. 6.
A mermaid dancing with Neptune, a whale emitting bubbles in the form of balloons, dolphins in the ceiling spouting balloons on the dancers below and a monstrous flapping of jellyfish were among the novel incidents at the Chelsea Arts Ball last night, which was the most ambitious ever attempted.

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NO FEAR.

YOUTHFUL MURDERER
ELECTROCUTED.

Columbus (Ohio), Jan. 7.
A 17-year-old lad showed no fear or emotion when he was electrocuted to-day.

The lad killed a married woman, who had rejected his advances, and her five-year son, with a baseball bat.

At the trial the murderer said that music over the wireless made him feel queer and prompted him to make advances to the woman.—"Times of Ceylon."

remain an honorary corresponding member of the society." In reply Captain Amundsen tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the council.

IN CAPTIVITY.

BRITON IN SPANISH FOREIGN
LEGION.

HIS WIFE'S STORY.

Remarkable details of the experiences of an old Rugby boy, who is a member of the Spanish Foreign Legion and now in custody near Melilla, Morocco, where he has been awaiting trial for 16 months on a charge of desertion under arms, were given to a reporter by his wife.

This Englishman, of whom Dr. David, formerly headmaster of Rugby and now Bishop of Liverpool, wrote "he was a boy of marked ability," is Mr. Alex Cyril Ogden, aged 25, the son of a distinguished Oxford scholar and former headmaster of Aitchison College, Lahore, India.

Mrs. Ogden and her baby son, Barry, aged two years and a half, who was born after Mr. Ogden left England, are living at Weymouth Street, Portland-place, W., where Mrs. Ogden, who is the daughter of a West End doctor, has a home for nurses as a means of livelihood until her husband returns.

Relating the story of her husband's adventures, she said:

Ranch Life.
My husband has had a very adventurous life. His father was a distinguished Oxford scholar, Mr. Alexander McRitchie Ogden, who was for some years head of Aitchison College, Lahore. He died a few months before my husband was born. His mother came to England and sent him to Rugby. At 13 years he was sent to his godfather, a Dr. O'Halloran, in Buenos Aires. He spent three years in South America on sheep farms and ranches, and when his mother died he came back to settle up her affairs.

It was while he was in London that we renewed our childhood friendship and were married soon afterwards. The legacy he received from his mother's estate was only about \$1,100. He tried desperately to get work in England, but unable to do so, he went to Germany as a teacher of languages. Then he went to Barcelona and was absolutely stranded. A man who came home from there told me of his plight. I sent him £10, but the day before the money reached Barcelona he joined the Spanish Foreign Legion. That was on July 9, 1925.

Immediately afterwards he was sent to Morocco for the campaign against the Rifis. He fought the whole time under the most terrible conditions, although his companions were most ungenerous, consisting mainly of rogues, murderers, and thieves of all nationalities.

In August 1926 he deserted, as he has explained in his letters, because he could not tolerate the appalling life of the Legion. He had done 13 months of active service under the most exacting conditions, and decided to try to get home. His effort, however, failed, and 10 days later he was captured by the French and handed over to the Spanish authorities. For some time he was cruelly treated.

When he was recaptured he had a Service pistol in his possession and so was charged with deserting under arms. He has appealed to the authorities to hasten his trial, but nothing has been done.

For four months he was in a penitentiary, then he was placed for two months in a "provisional liberty" company. Next, he was three months in a guard house, and for more than six months has been with a gang of criminals awaiting trial. With them he has had to work in making roads.

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MONGOLIA	10,554	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
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MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
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NOVARA	9,989	16th June	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Marseilles & London
JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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From EUROPE.

THE Steamship

"CITY OF MADRAS"

having arrived. Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

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Hong Kong, 27th January, 1928.

CALCUTTA TRADE.

DILEMMA OVER AMERICAN SHIPS.

BRITISH RATE CUT.

New York.—The U.S. Shipping Board's bid for a larger share of the freight from Calcutta to North America Atlantic ports has been met by a reduction in cargo rates by the Cunard-Brookbank Line, and in shipping circles here it is believed that the Ellerman and Bucknall Line, the other British company concerned, will make a similar cut before the new rates become effective.

The next move should come from the Shipping Board, and, judging from a statement by Mr. Edward Plummer, Commissioner in charge of the Bureau of Traffic of that organization, rates will be pared to the bone, if that should be necessary, to secure for the Roosevelt Steamship Line what the Shipping Board officials declare to be a fair share of the traffic in jute, burlap, and bagging consigned from Calcutta to American importers.

To reduce the rate further, however, the Shipping Board would be obliged to "draw upon the special emergency funds provided by the Government" for use in instances where foreign flag lines "threaten" a rate-cutting war.

The size of this fund is unknown to the public, but at any rate a war involving the addition of money provided by the taxpayers would probably meet with popular disapproval.

The Shipping Board's position is complicated also by the fact that the Isthmian Line, one of the factors in the Calcutta trade, operates under the American flag and is independently owned by the United States Steel Corporation.

A rate war undertaken by the Shipping Board, therefore, would mean the use of Government funds against the trade of a private American corporation. Mr. Plummer seeks to justify the rate-cutting with the declaration that the foreign lines absolutely refused to permit Shipping Board vessels to take a proportionate, or one-fourth, share of the Calcutta jute business.

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HOME OUTPUT.

HARLAND AND WOLFF'S FIGURES FOR 1927.

VARIED CRAFT.

Harland and Wolff's tonnage output for the year, aggregating 94,700 gross tons and 80,575 i.h.p., is made up of a variety of types, the motor-ship predominating in number, although the largest vessel, the White Star liner Laurentic, of 18,724 gross tons and 13,000 i.h.p., is steam driven.

They have been fairly busy throughout the year in the Belfast and Clyde yards, the work in progress equalling in gross tonnage about one-tenth of the total tonnage under construction in British yards as given in Lloyd's returns.

The vessels launched include, besides the Laurentic, five motor-ships for the King Line, five for MacAndrews and Co., Ltd., one for the Moss Line, four motor-ships and two steamers for the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company, Ltd., six steam tankers for the Lago Shipping Company, Ltd. (built to the order of Andrew Weir and Co.), and vessels for the Hain Steamship Co., Ltd.: a small one for the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company, Vacuum Oil Company, Ltd., West Hartlepool Steam Navigation Company, and other owners.

Among vessels now on the slips or being laid down at Belfast are the 26,000-ton motor-liner for the White Star Line, the new Union-Castle liner of about 20,000 tons gross, four large motor-passenger vessels for the Nelson Line of 15,000 tons each, five shallow-draft tankers for the Lago Shipping Company, Ltd., and four King Line vessels.

At their Govan yard they have under construction a motor-passenger liner for the Nelson Line similar to the four building at Belfast, also one for the Argentine Navigation Company, Ltd., and a number of smaller craft are in hand.

At Greenock two large cargo steamers are on the slips, one each for the Nourse Line and the Hain Steamship Company, Ltd. While they are concentrating specially on the development of the motor engine, both double and single acting, they are also producing important types of steam machinery, such as the triple-screw combined reciprocating and turbine engines of the Laurentic and the high-pressure steam turbines for the Statendam, the 30,000-ton liner, the hull of which is now completing in Holland.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "City of Madras" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after February 1.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Benledi" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after February 8.

Consignees of Cargo ex M.S. "Java" are advised to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after February 9.

P.I. EXPORTS.

GROWTH REPORTED LAST YEAR.

SHIPPERS' STATEMENT.

Philippine export trade was in more prosperous conditions in 1927 than in 1926, annual report of the Associated Steamship Lines released recently reveals.

The total Philippine exports in 1927 amounted to 1,370,869 tons against 1,112,842 tons in 1926, representing a gain of about 20 per cent. The gain is practically noted in all export commodities except cigars.

While a decrease in the exportation of hemp to the United States was registered last year, the exports of this commodity to Europe increased and more than offset the loss on the United States side.

The total exports of hemp to the United States in 1927 was 414,485 bales, 238,798 of which went to the Atlantic coast and the 125,687 to the Pacific seaboard. The total exports to Europe amounted to 560,989 showing a difference of 146,464 bales in favour of Europe.

Coconut Oil.

Total coconut oil exports in 1927 were 137,699 tons against 115,699 tons in 1926 showing a gain of 22,182 tons. The lumber trade also boomed last year. The islands exported a total of 58,523,305 board feet of lumber to the United States and foreign countries representing a gain of about 10,000,000 board feet over the exports in 1926.

The total exports of this commodity in 1926 amounted to 49,810,052 board feet. The Philippines sent more lumber to the United States and Europe last year, while the exports of this product to China and Japan suffered a loss of about 2,000,000 board feet.

Sugar exports last year registered an increase of about 20 per cent. over the preceding year. Total exports of sugar in 1927 amounted to 545,962 tons against 389,704 tons in 1926.

Cigar exports this year declined when compared with the year 1926 by 3,599 tons. The total exports of this commodity in 1926 was 12,314 tons.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" which left Singapore for this port on January 28 at 8 a.m. with the outward mails, is due here on February 2 at about 6 a.m.

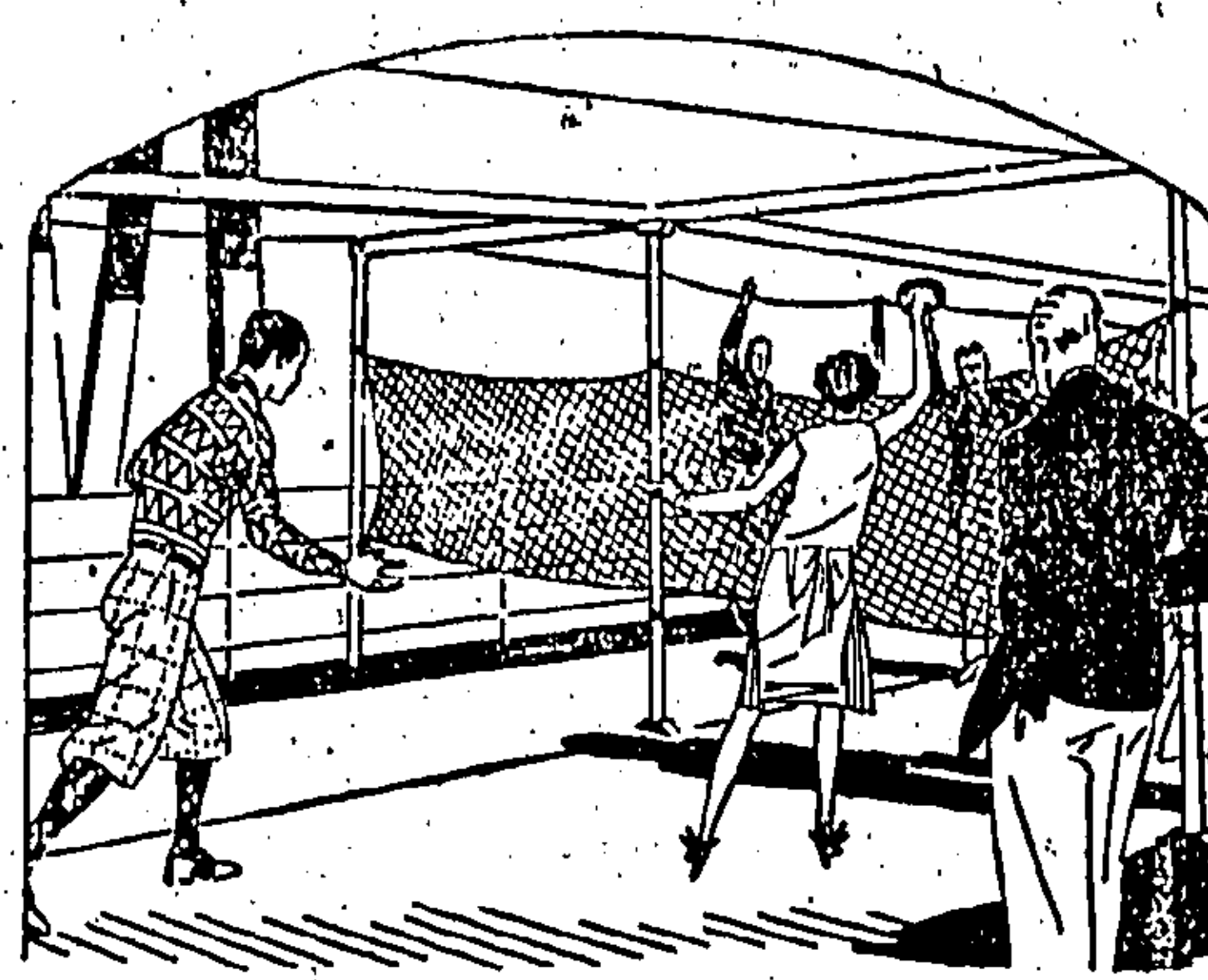
The P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" left Singapore for this port on January 20 at 10 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on February 2 at about 4 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" R/W Cruise, arrived at Batavia yesterday at 7 a.m. leaves Batavia to-day at 6 p.m., and is due at Singapore on February 2 at 8 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kilderpore" left Singapore for this port on January 20 at 3 p.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on February 3 at about 3 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" (Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R.), will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama at 6 a.m. on February 15.

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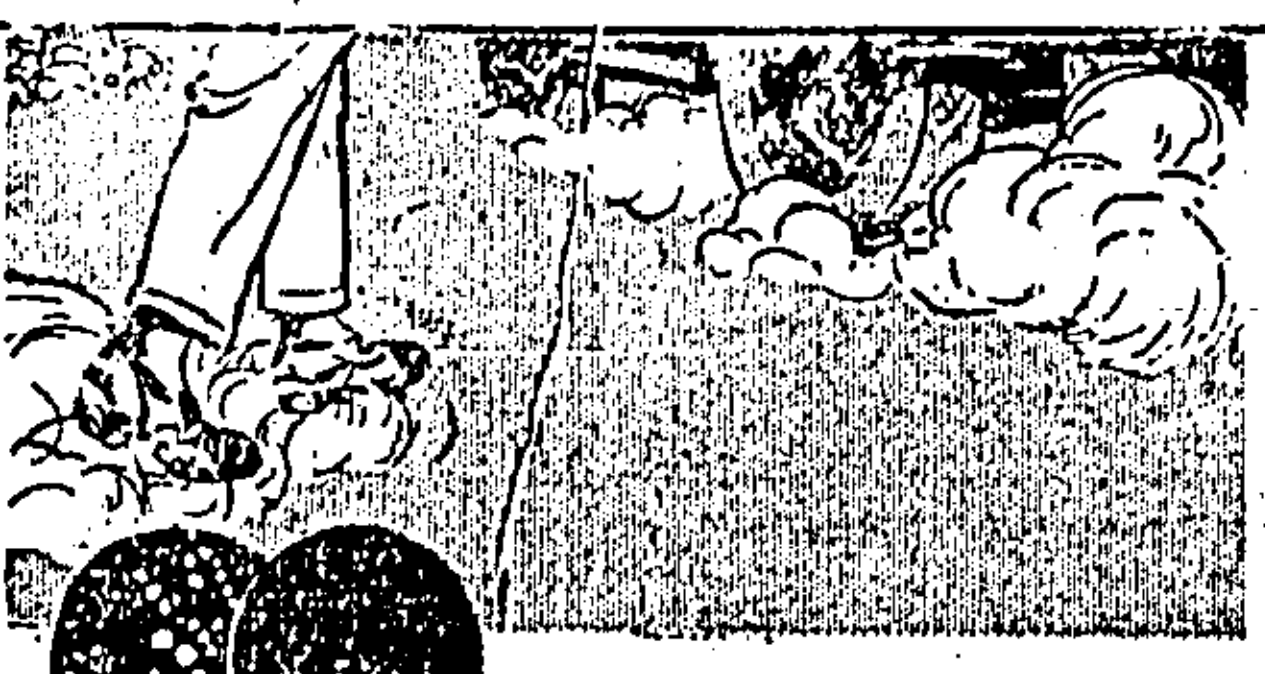
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A GREAT SOLDIER.

By the sudden demise of Earl Haig of Bernersaye Britain has lost a man the value of whose peacetime effort was as great as his proved war-time performances. For it is not only as a great soldier will Earl Haig be remembered. He will be remembered—and revered—for all he has done since he sheathed his sword, for his untiring application to the stern task of assisting the War's disabled and unemployed over the stiles of life. Not only did he win the greatest test of arms of all times; he also enabled the maimed and embittered to survive the peace. His fund for the helping of those rendered unfit by reason of the War, and their dependants, with which the annual Poppy Day appeal is connected, was a splendid individual achievement inspired by that deep love of his fellow-man and the inherent patriotism possessed by the late Field Marshal.

As a soldier, of course, Earl Haig's name will go down in history. Until his relief of Earl French at the front at the end of 1914 his career had been a bright one, but was not distinguished by anything much out of the ordinary. In the South African War he did well, and subsequently held administrative appointments at Home and in India. It was in the first December of the Great War that his chance really came, and he grasped it. Of his command during four difficult years much has been said, many complimentary things and some adverse things. But he was always a down-right, honest soldier, showing now and then a touch of brilliance, and his crowning act in the field was his instant assent to the plan which put Marshal Foch in supreme command of the Allies. A great general, he was also a team-worker.

To-day the whole civilised world is mourning his loss, and among the many are representative personages in the countries with which we were at war. All are paying justly-deserved tribute to the famous soldier. "He behaved," says Mr. Lloyd George, who was Premier during the anxious war years, "not merely like a patriot but like a great gentleman." These are sentiments which will appeal to all, particularly those who had to do with Earl Haig in the equally-anxious period that followed the War, the wounded and workless, who were constantly in his thoughts, and for whom he unceasingly worked. "In this connection it is fitting that, this morning, the local branch of the British Legion should have added their condolences to the multitude that his sorrowing widow and family will receive.

Local Rent Control.

Hong Kong has by now had some experience of rent without control. It was only natural that views conflicting when H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, decided early in 1920 that the Rent Control Ordinance was to lapse as from July 1 of that year. The Colony has just had a minor boom, due in a measure to trouble at Canton and the adjoining territory. Cases were brought on our notice, when the influx was at its height, of demands on non-Chinese tenants for higher rent. Accusations of a ramp can hardly be justified on the little evidence available. No official figures are ever published and it is therefore necessary to rely on hearsay. Residential property outside the city has come in for normal demand, with a normal proportion of vacant tenements. Chinese houses in the crowded areas continue to fetch good prices; there was never any material slump in this class of property. Complaints have reached the "China Mail," however, that rents of shops and native business premises in the central district have been forced up to pre-control levels. Without entering into the merits of control, we are prepared to say—on the information before us—that conditions have no means reached an extreme; and to add that a year and a half of decontrol has brought more benefit than injury to the Colony.

NUMBER PLATES.

SERGEANT NOT SATISFIED WITH ONE!

Mr. K. C. McLennan was this morning summoned by Traffic Sergeant Baker for failing to exhibit a number plate on the rear of his car at 4.30 p.m., on January 24. The defendant pointed out that the number of the car was given on the summons as 2078, whereas the number of his car was 2079. Sergeant Baker admitted that he had since discovered that he had made a mistake in taking down the number of the car, and added that there was only one number plate from which he could get the number.

Major Willson: "How many do you require?" (Laughter). The Magistrate decided to discharge the defendant on the ground that the summons was bad in form.

BIRTH CONTROL.

WOMAN DOCTOR ON WRECKED MARRIAGES.

WHERE PARENTS FAIL.

Some outspoken and provocative views on marriage, birth control, and the relations of parents and children were expressed by Dr. Alice Hutchison, of the Great Ormond Street Hospital and the Tavistock Clinic for Nurses, lecturing at the Winter School for Health Visitors and School Nurses at King's College. Passages in her address were:

The Children.—Children who quarrel over toys; quarrel over every game they play; children who are irritable; children not physically well—these are the inevitable result of superficial discord between parents.

The Parents.—This superficial discord is the general evidence of deep sexual discord. Parents should prepare their sons and daughters before they marry.

Birth Control.—It has wrecked many a marriage, and is producing that terrible monstrosity, the only child. We may come to speak not of drink but of "only childism" as the curse of this country.

Children only attained their full stature, she added, when they broke the ties of dependency on their mothers.

Badge of Inferiority.—At the outset Dr. Hutchison mentioned that she was acting as mother to two little adopted children, and in relation to her subject of "The Psychology of Parenthood" she was convinced that every difficult child was the outcome of mistakes in handling and of failure to make good in parenthood. Every young woman had a vision of herself as a wonderful mother. Perhaps she passed through the period when her child was an infant fairly satisfactorily. Later, however, the position with many women was the converse. The difficulty started when the child began to oppose its will to that of its mother, as it had to do if ever it was going to make good. As soon as the opposition began, and went on day by day, there came a sense of irritations, of impatience, in the mother.

There was hasty dealing, sharp words, and perhaps a slap. The mother felt dismay and disappointment, and the child was punished. Such a course was not the course to follow. The child's development, whether normal or abnormal, depended upon the course its parents' development had followed, and even upon the course of development of its grandparents.

The outstanding mark of a person with a sense of inferiority was that offence was taken at every turn. Parents should endeavour to guard against such weaknesses. To have even superficial harmony in the home was a tremendous asset in parenthood. Superficial discord would have with children's development.

"Children who quarrel over toys, quarrel over every game they play; children who are irritable; children not physically well—these are the inevitable result of superficial discord between parents."

Dr. Hutchison added that her investigations had shown that this superficial discord was the general evidence of deep sexual discord. Young men and women should not be allowed to launch themselves upon the adventure of marriage in ignorance. A girl's preparations for marriage were often concerned merely with clothes. Difficulties would only disappear when parents were ready to prepare their sons and daughters before they married. There was a move in America for classes to prepare young men and women for marriage. To her that was a most appealing reflection upon parents, who should teach their children from their own experience so that they might start prepared to try to make marriage a supreme success. There would then be fewer difficult children.

"The Great Maternal Urge." Turning to the subject of birth control, Dr. Hutchison said she was not arguing for or against it. She was aware that young people marrying at 20 could not go on steadily having children until they were 40. "But I do say," she added, "that birth control has wrecked numbers of marriages. I say to its ardent and injudicious advocates that it has wrecked many a marriage because the great maternal urge cannot be quenched so easily as they think. I have found more than one woman harbouring a feeling of animosity against her husband. She may have agreed as to the course taken, but she did not know herself. When we begin the use of birth control we are stepping on very dangerous ground. It can only be used with the utmost care. The present time is one of real difficulty because of the expense of everything and the cost of bringing up children. There is therefore the use of birth control, which is having a very deleterious effect upon many women, and it is producing that terrible monstrosity, the only child. We may come to speak not of drink, but of 'only childism' as the curse of this country. A large majority of these only children would be badly brought up, for it was more difficult to bring up one child in a family than six. From the single child we would get poor citizens, and the work of the world would be done less well.

Children only attained their full stature and growth, in Dr. Hutchison's opinion, when they broke the ties of dependency on their mothers. When a young man went

INDIVIDUALISM.

DEAN'S TEXT FROM BERNARD SHAW.

THE GENERAL GOOD.

A striking address on the value of individual service was delivered by Dean Inge, speaking as the guest of the Individualist Bookshop Ltd., at the eleventh monthly luncheon of that organization, at the Hotel Cecil. Sir Hugh Bell presided over a gathering of 300 people, and this attendance caused the Dean to remark, in opening his address, that apparently there must be 300 individualists left in the world, although he had not thought it.

Individualism in politics or religion. Dr. Inge said, was opposed to Socialism, or Institutionalism. In politics one heard the phrase, "We are all Socialists now," and in religion one heard of the recovery of the corporate idea. The Victorian age nursed the comfortable theory that if we all followed our own interest we should thereby further the general good and the interest of the community. After all, that philosophy made the country a growing concern. Similarly in religion, our characters had been given to us by Providence to cultivate, and they were not to be forgotten. We were all members one of another, but each owed an infinite debt to environment, and it was the duty of each to do all possible to improve that environment in which he lived.

Honour All Men. We all belonged to several organisations, each of which had its claim for loyalty and allegiance, expressed so fittingly in the first Epistle of St. Peter: "Honour all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the King"; but no single allegiance must be made absolute. None must be allowed to extinguish the claims of the others. There was not and could not be any general view or common mind which could dictate upon all occasions what we should do or believe. Religion, setting aside its extreme solitariness, and advance in religion came through privacy and solitude—"Let your light so shine before men" seemed the beginning and natural basis of society.

The same, said the Dean, was true in politics. It was in the sins of the individual that the evils of society had their source. George Bernard Shaw paid tribute to the man who put into the common stock more than he took out, and all should try to do that in their different ways, because there were so many taking out and not putting in. It would not be a hard thing to say that the theory of collectivism led to the creation of a great army of parasites, so it was quite a paradox that while most Socialism was individualism run mad, so individualism rightly understood was a true social ethic. Therefore, it really came to this, that our duty as individualists was to give our very best work, whatever we might have to do. There never was a time when that devotion to our own work was more necessary than just now. Although Shaw might not like being quoted in that room, yet he did not think they could take a better incentive than the one he had quoted.

on living with his mother people said, "How beautiful," but the truth was that he went on living with his mother because he could not do without her. The men who launched themselves in marriage with a second mother in the shape of a wife had not really grown up. Girls who were afraid to venture upon marriage had not reached their natural stature of motherhood.

Never Fully A Man. As an instance of how children should not be treated she mentioned the case of a man who set out in life determined to get to the top of the tree, and succeeded. He determined that his children should also succeed in life, but at 12 the eldest boy still had his boots blacked for him and his mother had to see that he was properly washed. He was not given regular pocket-money and, being undeveloped, began to steal. He would never be fully a man. Too many parents did not want to stand aside and allow children to do things themselves. There was too much domination in parenthood. This domination went to such a length in some families that children were not allowed to contradict their parents. They were not allowed to have religious views of their own. She had seen Protestant parents who would not allow their children to join the Church of England or the Catholic Church. In her view the Churches together contributed only a tiny fragment of truth, and the way in which that contribution was made satisfied different temperaments. The more freedom of action young people had in such matters the better citizens they would become.

Mr. J. J. Mallon, Warden of Toynbee Hall, speaking on "Father's Problems—Yesterday and To-day," said that one of the results of the lawlessness of the birth-rate during the war years, and the fall in that rate since, would be that the problem of finding suitable employment for children leaving school would be less serious after 1932. As there would be a restricted supply of young people for industry, it would be vital that the best use should be made of them. Much that was good for children might be expected to come out of that shortage.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

A small boy was told that when visitors came to the house it was his duty to pay them some attention.

Shortly afterwards a Mrs. Daniel called, and the small boy shook hands with her politely and exclaimed in his best drawing-room manner:—

"How do you do, Mrs. Daniel? I've just been reading about your husband in the den of lions!"

The following announcement was read by the Curate at a small Yorkshire church:—

"Would the member of the congregation who wrote in the hymn book last Sunday, 'Is each way Oo-jah on Wednesday,' kindly remove the page, as the Vicar found it most misleading."

A man got the sack. The foreman asked the son a few days later if his father had got a job.

"Oh, yes," said the son, "in Manchester, at the Zoo."

"Well, what is he doing there?" asked the foreman.

"Sand-papery elephants down to grey-hounds," replied the lad.

A countryman who had come to London and prospered in business invited a friend from his native place to spend a holiday with him.

On the first day he took him to dinner at an expensive restaurant. They went through the various courses, and when they had finished the host inquired: "Well, what do you think of that for a dinner?"

"Great!" replied the friend, enthusiastically, "now have one with me!"

"Now," said the bridegroom to the bride, when they returned from the honeymoon trip, "let us have a clear understanding before we settle down to married life. Are you the president or vice-president of this society?"

"I want to be neither president nor vice-president," she answered, "I will be content with a subordinate position."

"What is that?"

"Treasurer."

Inspector: "Well, madam, we'll do our best; but if your husband hasn't been home for twelve weeks—"

Lady: "Oh, it's not him I'm worrying about. What I want is the sample of ribbon I sent him out to match!"

Magistrate: "You are fined two pounds for contempt of court."

Witness: "All right. Here's a five, and I don't want any change. I feel far more than two pounds' worth of contempt for this court."

Landlady: "You'll be careful of these vases, won't you?"

New Lodger: "Certainly. Were they expensive?"

Landlady: "Yes, it cost my old man twenty shillings before e' won 'em."

The Pre-War Mother: "What did you mean by sitting on young Smith's lap at the Brown's Christmas dance?"

Modern Daughter: "You told me to."

Mother: "Absurd!"

Daughter: "Well, mother, you said if he got sentimental I was to sit on him."

The vessel was sinking. The captain rushed to a crowd of scared passengers.

"Who among you can pray?" he asked them.

"I can," answered a minister.

"Then pray, mister," ordered the captain; "the rest of you put on life preservers, we're one short."

A farmer took some geese to the Christmas market to be sold by public auction. Asked by several people if he would sell one privately, he refused.

When questioned after the sale why he would not sell one privately, he replied: "They have been together for nineteen years, and I don't like to part them now!"

Scoutmaster: "Now, Brown, you're too slow altogether at getting breakfast. While I was in the Himalayas I used to shoot a bird, pluck it, cook it, and eat it, all in about half an hour. Ever heard of the Himalayas, Brown?"

Brown: "Yes, sir; and I've heard of Ananias, too!"

Pat became an apprentice in a shipyard, and the first morning the foreman put a two-foot rule into his hand and told him to go and measure a large steel plate. He returned in twenty minutes.

"Well, Pat," said the foreman, "what is the size of the plate?"

A satisfied grin stole over Pat's face. "It's just the length of this rule," he replied, "and two thumbs over, half this brick, and the breadth of my hand, and my arm from here to there, but the finger!"

Aunt Jane is a dear old soul, but doesn't understand a thing about golf.

"Did you have a good game?" she asked her nephew.

"No," was the reply. "The seventh was sloppier, and all the greens were in a terrible state."

Aunt Jane shuddered. "You mustn't lunch there any more, Gilbert. I can understand how enjoyable a cup of tea and a sandwich must be after a game, but seven cups of tea and greens—"

UNDER SUSPICION.

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being disposed of. Chinese Government troops are scouring the area. On Jan. 27, the troops encountered and split up a body of 300 "big swords," killing 15.—Reuter.

FAMINE IN NORTH.

Villagers' And Farmers' Sufferings.

Peking, Yesterday.—The International Famine Commission announce that conditions in Shantung and the south of Chihli province are worsening daily. This was indicated by the fact that villagers are pulling down their houses to sell the material for food and fuel. Many villages have only bare walls standing.

Emigration to Manchuria continues on a large scale. In some districts 60 per cent. have left and 80 per cent. of those remaining are sick. Many farms are unplanted and farm animals are disappearing.

Details of Relief.

Local officials are feeding many; \$420,000 worth of grain has been received from Manchuria.

The military authorities are setting aside one train to be used exclusively to bring grain to Shantung and Government agencies have also distributed 10,000 suits of clothing.

The American Committee of the China Famine Fund has voted \$72,848 and the Japanese Red Cross has sent Yen 2,000 to the stricken area.—Reuter.

"BEN HUR."

SPLENDID FILM AT THE QUEEN'S.

The screen version of "Ben-Hur" is being shown at the Queen's Theatre, to packed "houses." It is a marvelous picture, one which holds the interest of all from beginning to end. The great expectancy of the Motley Jews, the proud and brutal nature of the Romans, are vividly brought to light. All the characters of this fine play are splendidly enacted, the hero and heroine being taken by Ramon Novarro and May McAvoy, as Ben Hur and Esther respectively. A brilliant feature, the chariot race, cannot be over-described by saying it is well-nigh marvellous; the same may also be said of the sea fight. Then the story of Christ, his birth in the lowly stable, his marvellous miracles, and his bending under the weight of the cross, is another great feature. The last scene of all, the three crosses, silhouetted against the bright sky in the deadly gloom of eventide, is a fine ending to what must be the greatest success of the screen.

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE TAXI DANCER."

The leading player in the chief picture at the Star Theatre to-day and tomorrow, "The Taxi Dancer," is Joan Crawford, who plays the role of a girl who goes to Broadway in search of success. She meets with failure, however, and has to resort to the profession of a "taxi-dancer," a girl who is paid so much per dance. She soon graduates, in a world of jazz and there meets with many exciting adventures. Her career culminates happily in marriage with a reformed gambler, ably played by Owen Moore, whose destiny is little less strange than her own.

"WAY DOWN EAST."

D. W. Griffith's famous production, "Way Down East," with Lillian Gish in the leading role, will be screened at the World Theatre for the last time this evening. The orchestra plays at the 5.15 and 8.20 p.m. performances, and an interpreter attends at 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.

BITTEN BY DOG.

A Chinese named Chan Wong (84), described as a pattern maker, living at No. 587 Shanghai Street, second floor, was yesterday removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from dog bites on the legs. He was attacked by three dogs which rushed out of a matchbox in Kowloon Tong.

LETTER THEFTS.

SMALL CHINESE BOY CHARGED.

HEARING ON FRIDAY.

Before Mr. Roger Edward Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning, a small Chinese boy was charged with the theft of two registered letters the property of Dr. (Mrs.) Leung Wai-kwong, of No. 9 Kwong Woo Terrace.

Mr. Hing Shing-lo who was present in Court, said he had been instructed by Mr. James Hall to appear for the prosecution. Counsel said that the case was a pretty serious one, but although he was prepared to proceed, he understood that Mr. Alfred Hall who had been instructed for the defence wished to have a remand as he is ill and unable to attend Court that morning.

Sergeant McTiernan, in reply to his Worship, said that one of the stolen letters had been recovered.

Mr. Lo said that originally the accused's mother was also arrested on the suspicion of being an accomplice, but after being detained she was released by the police. Counsel had no doubt that the woman was released for very good reasons, but he thought that they might get hold of her again if certain things came out in the course of the hearing of the case.

The Magistrate fixed hearing of the case for 11 a.m. on Friday next, and said he would not consider bail at less than \$1,000.

GLASS DECANTERS.

OLD ENGLISH STYLES AND TYPES.

THE SPIRIT BOTTLE.

During the reign of Queen Anne Portuguese wines were imported into this country at a reduced tax. Port thus became popular, and, being a wine that throws a crust, had to be decanted. The word decanter was then introduced into the language to indicate any ornamental glass wine vessel.

As the decanter was placed upon the table itself it became more and more elaborate in design and workmanship. In the eighteenth century it was pushed round the table, after the removal of the cloth, on a "coaster"—a deep-rimmed little tray usually made either of mahogany or Sheffield plate. The wine was poured by tilting the decanter in order that its contents should not be shaken. The decanter was therefore made heavy with a broad base.

Few crystal decanters of an earlier date than 1745 are in existence. A few Jacobite decanters have survived, as well as half a dozen tiny decanters of an earlier date. Ravenscroft advertised flint glass decanters as early as 1677.

During the first half of the eighteenth century decanters were made in large numbers. The earliest decanters have sloping shoulders, engraved or etched with festoons, a little cutting at the neck, and a pear-drop stopper. Some of them resemble a drawn glass with a short stem-reserved. Square flint decanters were made before 1796 for use in public-houses, but these are of crude finish. There are records to show that these were made as early as 1733. Later decanters became more globular and high shouldered, with shorter necks, sometimes having serrated ridges passing from base to top. Labelled decanters, known as "new fashioned," were first made in 1755. They had inscriptions engraved on them indicating the contents, and were decorated with vine leaves and grapes. Sometimes they were enamelled, and occasionally gilded.

Cutting and Engraving.—Until 1791 decanters were more often engraved than cut, although in 1775 decanters were made with convex diamond bands and fluting, with a flat moulded stopper. In 1791 and later decanters had "cut ring necks and finger bottoms," meaning prismatic cutting at the neck and a simple form of fluting towards the base. In the early nineteenth century the plain decanter was globular in the body, with rings around the neck and broad thumb-cutting up the side. The stoppers were very decorative. There may be one, two, or three rings, with spaces between, so that fingers could obtain a good grip and not drop the decanter. Rings were of different designs, plain, rounded, cut in diamonds, triangular cut, square cut, featured double or triple.

The finest quality decanters were made between 1791 and 1830. The cutting is extremely wonderful, revealing, as it does, every conceivable form of the glassmaker's art. With the decline of the port-drinking days and the advent of sombre Victorianism the beauty of the decanter deteriorated.

The spirit bottle was intended to hold gin, rum, or brandy. It dates back to the pre-decanted period. In some of the earliest specimens no glass stopper was supplied, a wooden leather-covered wedge being used instead. A glass ring was attached to the neck to give extra strength. At the end of the eighteenth century spirit bottles were cut after the style of the modern "fantasy" bottles. They were usually square in shape and supplied in sets of four, with a wooden case. Sometimes they were made oval or round in sets of three, to stand in a mahogany or Sheffield plate "cruet."

SLEEPY SICKNESS.

COLONY SUGGESTED FOR THE HOPELESS.

DISCIPLINE NEEDED.

A special industrial colony for children over sixteen suffering from the after-effects of sleepy sickness was suggested by Dr. G. A. Borthwick, medical superintendent of the Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill, in his report on the disease given to the Metropolitan Asylums Board.

Referring to the work of the Post Encephalitis Lethargica Unit at the hospital, Dr. Borthwick said:—"Despite investigations and research carried out throughout the world, the causal agent remains unknown, and no one has been able to demonstrate it microscopically or grow it on any artificial medium. I am of opinion that more or less permanent institutional treatment on the lines of our hospital school is necessary for the children suffering from the severe effects of the disease with a special industrial colony when they become over sixteen years of age."

"The experimental unit has not been productive of any positive curative results, but it has proved very valuable as an observation station where cases may be investigated and classified. There is very little hope that patients suffering from the many after-effects of encephalitis lethargica will ever, generally speaking, be cured, for evidence shows that the nerve cells attacked by the virus are irretrievably damaged. It may be possible in a minority of cases to educate other cells to function in place of the old ones, but this will be a very long task involving months and, maybe, years of patient endeavor."

Dr. Borthwick also stated:—"The more severe cases showing marked mental restlessness, lying, stealing, sexual erotism, etc., have benefited also by the discipline of the hospital school, but, despite long periods of residence, most of them relapse when care and discipline are relaxed, and many of those who were removed from the unit by their parents against medical advice have subsequently become involved in difficulties both morally and criminally."

The board agreed that the report of the Superintendent should be forwarded to the Ministry of Health, and that the unit should be continued until further orders.

THE BORED CHILD.

AFFRONTING THEIR INTELLIGENCE.

When I asked Muriel, aged eleven, if she had enjoyed the children's party she answered: "No, not a bit."

"Why not?" I asked. She was offended because the hostess had engaged a clown to amuse the children. "He was so silly," she commented. Evidently her intelligence had been affronted by the puerile antics of the unfortunate clown.

Many children of to-day become grown-up prematurely. They are difficult to amuse. They look on in acute boredom while their elder play at musical chairs with a passionate zest. When grandpapa lets himself go in "Here we go round the mulberry bush" the young folk gaze at him with compassion. "Poor old man! How can he be so silly?"

After the age of twelve a large number of modern children revolt from nursery games and refrain from romping. They become intensely self-conscious and appear to despise fun. They demand a defiant seriousness on their faces. They do not wish to exhibit a longing for enjoyment, and they scorn those among their companions who delight in uproarious mirth. Such "silliness" makes them blush for their friends.

We used to play more heartily when I was a child. We were also susceptible to excitement. For weeks before Christmas we tingled with expectancy. We had very few mechanical toys, no gramophones, no loud-speakers, no professional entertainers. But we played, and we had more imagination in our games than is shown by the children of to-day. They were playing with a kitten, his sister of twelve remarked: "You baby."

These terribly old, bored children are, to put it paradoxically, still too young to recognise the inestimable value of occasional silliness. As our elders used to say: "They have too many treats."—Walter M. Galichan.

£1,600 SURPRISE.

AWARD FOR FORGOTTEN DEED OF YEARS AGO.

Brussels.—While sorting letters a postman named Gerard, of Theux, near Spa, found one addressed to himself. He opened it and read, to his surprise, that the Carnegie Hero Fund trustees had awarded him £1,600.

He had forgotten the deed for which he had thus been rewarded, and did not know that his colleagues had brought it to the notice of the authorities. In May 1914 he five times descended a well at Theux in which two men had been overcome by gas.

Despite warnings of his peril, he tried to fasten ropes around the man, but in vain. Then came the war, in which he fought, and the incident was wiped from his memory. He says he will devote the money to the education of his children.

ELGIN MARBLES.

SHALL WE RESTORE THEM?

AMERICAN ADVICE.

"The Nation" of New York, in a recent issue, gives the British Empire some advice on the subject of the Elgin Marbles at the British Museum. It asserts:—

"Though the conscience of the British Empire is not notoriously tender it is now mildly troubled by the fact that Greece has just entered a polite request that the Elgin Marbles be returned to her."

"Even when, in 1816, Lord Elgin sold to the Government the treasures he had wrung from the Acropolis Athens there were those who thought that they belonged to the nation which had created them and who argued that the permission he had from the Turkish authorities to cart them away gave him little moral justification for despoiling a subjected people."

"And though a century of possession has a tendency to make any theft seem legitimate there is actually less reason now than ever why London should hold what belongs by every right to Athens. Greece is to-day the mistress; she could place the sculptures in their proper setting; and there is no longer the danger, actually present in Lord Elgin's time, that they might be destroyed in the course of military operations. England is naturally loth to give up one of the greatest treasures of the British Museum, but she has had them for more than a hundred years and possession has amply repaid her for her guardianship."

"Yet loot is loot whatever its nature, and should the British Government see fit to return the Elgin Marbles it would be making, for a Government, a magnificent gesture. It would, that is to say, be acting like a decent individual."

FANCY DRESS.

WHERE THE LADIES SHINE.

STRIKING COSTUMES.

A slim duellist in black and scarlet, cool, faintly smiling, feather-light on slender high satin heels, disguised by a narrow lace-trimmed silk mask; that was the most effective figure in a crowd of some hundreds at a masked ball the other night, writes a woman dancer.

There were elaborate Pompadours there, and Nell Gwynne in enormous Court hats, and Oriental princesses shimmering and sparkling with replicas of the jewels of Smeralda, early Victorian maidens in ribbons and swishing crinolines; and one statuesque beauty had indignantly inserted herself into a flower vase, from which her head, arms, and feet protruded. All sorts of striking, beautiful, opulent costumes there were, drawing admiring or envious glances and comments. But the duellist, slim, cool, dainty, gallant, wove lightly through the surging throngs like an elf through a fairy wood—and danced away with, at any rate, my palm.

She was not only superlatively effective, she was arrayed with a fine taste and choice for dancing. And this was essentially a ball, not a fancy dress parade. So many people ignore this fact at fancy dress balls. In one enormous ballroom one night I saw a man receive from a Swedish peasant girl's worn frame headgear a blow which badly bruised his cheek. There have been scenes because an exaggeratedly crinolined woman blocked a passageway and a Mexican cowboy inadvertently tore a woman's fragile skirt with his huge spurs.

One young hostess, a keen dancer, sent me an invitation recently to which she had added: "Barred: spurs, swords, tridents, armour, etcetera. Room too small." She was wise.

I always think it a good idea to cut out the fancy dress parade, which tempts some people to come in what they think are prize-winning costumes, without worrying about the dancing—or the other dancers.

The perfect fancy dress is one that is at once colourful, fantastic, and easy to dance in. Certainly it should not incumber one's neighbours and partners.

FATHER'S CRIME.

BLACKSMITH HANGS TWO CHILDREN.

Paris.—A blacksmith named Hubert has been arrested at the Paris suburb of Billancourt, charged with attempting to murder his two daughters, aged 6 and 4, by hanging them. Hubert's wife recently left him, entrusting the children to her mother, who who lived next door. Learning that they had been taken away from school by their father the grandmother went to Hubert's house and was horrified to find the two little girls dangling from a rope.

They were struggling desperately and were purple in the face when their grandmother cut them down. The younger child said their father had tied her and her sister together and then drove nails into the wall, saying: "You're going to swing there and die."

"Shadows Before."

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day to February 6—Queen's Theatre; "Ben Hur."

To-day—World Theatre; "Way Down East."

To-day to February 1—Star Theatre; "The Taxi Dancer."

February 6—Dance at the Royal Engineers' Dance Club, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.

February 6—Banvard Musical Comedy Company presents "Katja the Dancer," Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9.15 p.m.

February 26—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

Sports.
February 1—H.K. Hockey Club in Sim Shield match v. Army, U.S.R.C. ground, 4.30 p.m.

February 4—Boxing tournament under the auspices of the H.K. Boxing Association, Lee Theatre, Percival Street.

February 13, 14, 15, 18—Hong Kong Jockey Club Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

February 17—Golf Match: Ladies' Bogey Competition at Fanling.

Lammerts' Auction.
February 1—At Sales Room, Miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

Hughes & Hough's Auction.
March 1—At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable leasehold property situate in Peak District, 3 p.m.

Meetings.
February 2—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society, City Hall, 12.15 p.m.

February 7—Twenty-third annual meeting of Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

February 9—Annual meeting of Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous.
February 2—Cerebral opening ceremony of new organ at St. Margaret's Church, Broadwood Rd., 6.30 p.m.

January 31—Organ Recital at St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.

February 24—Pianoforte recital by Mr. Harry Ore at "Multnomah," 2, May Road, 9.30 p.m.

VALUABLE ADVICE.

MUSIC REQUIRES A CREATOR.

Dr. Ford, the Oxford musician visiting Australia as examiner on behalf of the Trinity College of Music of London, gave valuable advice to the audiences assembled to listen to his illuminating and inspiring addresses on the subject of music. As is generally known, music is a language, like all other arts—a language which expresses thoughts and ideas incapable of being expressed in ordinary spoken words—and it is this rhythmic language which pervades all life. But, as Dr. Ford says, "music requires a creator and an interpreter—a creator who does not imitate nor portray the obvious, but who tries to make people see and hear that which, of themselves, they are incapable of seeing and hearing." That is the point, however, and the soundest advice one could offer the general public in explanation would be to patronise the very best when opportunity offers. To hear, say, Mr. George Sampson, F.R.C.O., playing "The Storm" (Lemmings) on the new Town Hall organ when erected in our midst would be quite sufficient "language" to illustrate most vividly the very thing. Dr. Ford means. A wider choice could be made, but the general public might better understand by always giving the intelligent and sympathetic ear to the old-world artists whose visits are a rare blessing. Dr. Ford always gave short, yet exquisite, piano passages to illustrate his ideas of "beauty," "tone," "silence," "rubato," "balance," and "rhythm," and by these he sought to illuminate the message of music.

Our distinguished visitor's reference to rhythm should have a markedly beneficial effect on those privileged to listen to him. "To appreciate tone," says Dr. Ford, "one must listen right through sound and right through silence, listen to the wonderful foam-like effect of a chord as it shivers away into silence. Rhythm is not merely time, like the monotonous ticking of a clock; rhythm is the intellectual arrangement of time, consisting of the grouping, coupling, and subdivision of the units of time, plus that life-giving elasticity we know as 'tempo rubato.' Rubato is that artistic digression from strict time which imparts to each note a sort of individuality. Strict time, however, must never be interfered with to the extent of leaving the 'rhythmical construction' of a passage in doubt."—Queenslander.

FRACTURED SKULL.

A paint scraper employed at Tai Koo Dock was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital and died an hour after admission from a fractured skull. The injury was received when the man fell from a staging whilst engaged in scraping the side of the s.s. "Empress of Canada," which is at present in dock.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, is suffering from a chill.

The battleships "Benbow" and "Marlborough" have completed refits at Devonport Dockyard.

Human bones and what are believed to be Roman tiles were discovered in a gravel pit near the new arterial road at Edmonton, N.

A timber yard was completely destroyed by a fire at the joinery works of Messrs. W. B. Brown, Ltd., of Church Road, Leatherhead, Surrey.

The total sum paid in unemployment benefit since the date of the Armistice to December 10 of this year was approximately £316,870, 000.

Sir John and Lady Martin-Harvey and their theatrical company left Southampton in the Cunard liner "Antonia" on a four-months tour of Canada.

Mr. John Longfellow Wilkinson, official receiver in bankruptcy for Northampton, has been appointed official receiver for the Southampton district.

The King has distributed nearly £3,000 to charitable institutions in the Windsor and Slough district from the State Apartments Fund at Windsor Castle.

The depot of the Royal Marine Cadet Corps, Deal, has won the King's shield for miniature rifle shooting competed for annually by Territorial cadet units.

Considerable damage was done when a tank burst at the top of the premises of Messrs. William McIlroy, Ltd., drapers, of Reading, and released 5,000 gallons of water.

The trustees of the late Mr. Alfred de Rothschild have given £10,000 to the National Mother-Saving Campaign of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Marylebone Road, N.W.

The owners of the Atherton Collieries, Lancashire, gave each of their 2,900 employees a parcel containing a Christmas pudding, a tongue, fruits, chocolates, and biscuits.

One carriage of an express train from Brussels to Calais became derailed 7 miles from Calais owing to a broken coupling, believed to have been caused by frost, but no one was injured.

Mr. Alfred Charles Bosson has been adopted as prospective Conservative candidate for the Central Hackney Parliamentary division in place of Sir Robert Gower, who is not to stand again.

Two petty officers and one seaman died of burns as the result of a pipe bursting in the boiler-room of the French Navy sloop "Remiremont" while on her way in a gale from Cherbourg to Brest.

Colonel Antoinet and his four companions who are attempting a Paris to Hanoi (French Indo-China) flight have been detained at Adalia, Asia Minor, for flying over Turkish territory without permission.

The number of articles found in public conveyances and deposited with the Metropolitan Police during the twelve months ended November 30 was 184,735, of which 111,430 were not claimed by the losers.

Captain Cornelius Theodore Polard, aged 37, of the Army Educational Corps, was at a general court martial at Aldershot found guilty on six charges out of ten of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

Dr. W. B. Secretan, of 11, Craven Road, Reading, was driving his car along the main road from Wokingham to Reading when it collided with a stationary lorry, and he and his 12-year-old son, Michael, were thrown out, the latter being killed.

When John James Searle, a tramp, was remanded at Exeter, it was stated that he was trying to sell a woman's gold watch on the inside of which was engraved: "To Alice Todd from T.R.H. Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia, 16/10/1902-12/1/1906."

A possible clue to the recent robbery of £5,000 in ten-shilling notes from the P. and O. liner "Maloja" at Colombo, Ceylon, has been obtained at Sydney, where a woman (who obtained them quite innocently at Colombo) offered 200 of the notes for exchange at a bank.

Capt. R. W. Morris, Superintendent of the Sailors' Institute, is leaving Singapore by the "Talma" on home leave. Mr. Abraham will be acting for him during his absence. Captain Morris proposes to visit relatives in Darjeeling and proceed later to England and his many friends in Singapore will wish him a very pleasant holiday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, of East Putney, is 104.

Mrs. Ann Dunn, of Leicester, has celebrated her 103rd birthday.

Sir Charles Innes, the new Governor of Burma, was sworn at Rangoon in succession to Sir Harcourt Butler.

A blind couple were married at Princesrow register office, Westminster, S.W., the bridegroom being 63 and the bride 64.

Four Chinese employees of the Zhang Sung factory, Pootung, were arrested by the Chinese authorities on suspicion of being Communists.

The Rev. Brother Timothy, who had been attached to St. Francis Institution, Malacca, for some years, left for Singapore en route for Colombo.

Alfred Walker, a young man of Richmond Road, Islington, N., was knocked down and killed by an omnibus at the junction of Gray's Inn Road and Clerkenwell Road.

Running into the road to help a constable who had been thrown from his cycle, Mrs. A. Lee, of Bevois Road, Southampton, was knocked down by a taxicab and killed.



Mrs. Alvin T. Hert, vice-chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Captain W. J. James, dockmaster, of Milford Haven, who has resigned after 40 years' service, joined the newly formed Japanese Navy in 1881 and commanded the first Japanese battleship.

London, Jan. 30.—The newspapers give prominence to the disturbing Note, published in the Fascist organ, in which is mentioned the postponement of the denunciation of the Italo-Yugo-Slav Treaty, which had just been extended for six months.—Reuter.

Mr. George Newnam, who was office keeper at No. 10, Downing Street, during Mr. Lloyd George's Premiership, and was his personal attendant during the Peace Conference and other conferences abroad, has been awarded the O.B.E. (civilian division) for meritorious service.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Captain Joseph Donnellan, ex-Royal Air Force, set out in a small monoplane named "I Will" upon a flight to Santiago de Chile and back via Atlanta, Havana and Panama, with the object of opening up commercial aviation between North and South America.—Reuter.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. W. Schofield imposed a fine of \$10,000 on a Chinese who was charged with the unlawful possession of £20 tael of raw opium on board the s.s. "Luchow." The accused was passing through as a passenger on the ship from Canton to Swatow and when the usual search of the ship was carried out here the opium was found on the false sides of two baskets belonging to the accused. The alternative for the fine was ten months' hard-labour.

Captain B. Steel, White Star line marine superintendent at Southampton for the last eighteen years, is retiring. He has over thirty-five years' service to his credit with the company, having joined it in 1892. Appointed assistant marine superintendent at Liverpool in 1903, he succeeded the late Captain J. G. Cameron as marine superintendent at Southampton in 1909. Captain Steel spent some years in "wind-jammers" before entering the White Star line employment, and he served his apprenticeship with Messrs. J. Heap and Sons, of Liverpool, a firm which owned some of the fastest clippers of the day including the famous Antelope, and afterwards with Messrs. Henry Fernie and Sons—also of Liverpool—for a couple of years.

The Legislative Council of Victoria has rejected the Totalisator Bill.

The Northampton police force are distributing coal to 180 poor families.

Coat slashes have reappeared in the West End; a woman's fur coat was slashed from top to bottom.

Violent hailstorms in South Africa are causing great damage to crops and killing sheep, cattle and horses.

An order for two Canadian lake steamers has been booked by Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth, and Co., Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Official announcement of the appointment of Captain G. E. W. Bowyer, M.P., to be a Junior Lord of the Treasury (unpaid) has been made.

Major-General G. S. Clive has been appointed Director of Personal Services at the War Office in succession to Major-General G. J. Farmer.

It is now known that the number of persons drowned as the result of the collision in the Sea of Marmora between two Turkish vessels was nearly 100.

Mr. W. R. Morris, of Morris Motors, Ltd., left Southampton in the Cunarder "Aquitania" en route for Australia and New Zealand to study motoring conditions there.

Mrs. Sarah Asbury Barker, of Castle Road, Bedford, who celebrated her 103rd birthday is in good health, and her reminiscences go back to the reign of George IV.

Passengers on their cross-Channel services to the Continent during Christmas week, the Southern Railway announce, numbered 21,177, compared with 19,760 last year.

An air mail service from the Quebec mainland to Seven Islands, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, was inaugurated at Christmas, when an aeroplane brought 200 lb. of letters and parcels.

Two women passengers, Alice Merchant, of Yorkshire, and Maud Kealing, were injured, the former suffering from concussion, when a motor-omnibus came into collision with a lorry in Park-Lane, W.

Hungary has for the first time appointed a military attaché in Warsaw, the appointment being warmly received by the Polish public in view of the traditional friendship between the two countries.

The Marquis of Waterford and his brother Lord William Beresford were badly shaken when their car skidded and overturned on the frost-bound road on the way to Curraghmore, Portlaw, County Waterford.

The negotiations between the South African Government and Mr. Tilden Smith with a view to establishing a new line of cargo steamers between Britain and South Africa have been definitely broken off.

The Government of Iceland has made a gift of £360 to the British fund for fishermen's widows and orphans being part of the sum paid for rescue work by a British trawler which went ashore on an Iceland reef last July.

Sir Henry Mullenex Grayson, of Ravenspoint, Anglesey, at one time Coalition M.P. for West Birkhead, was married at the Chelsea registrar's office to Mrs. Hamilton Earle, of Herbert Crescent, Chelsea, S.W.

Found Drowned was the verdict at Canvey, Essex, at the inquest on the body of a woman found on the foreshore which was identified as that of Mrs. Amelia Farrell, 24, of Alverstone Road, Manor Park, who disappeared on November 12.

Police are inquiring into the finding of a married couple, Benjamin Hainsworth, aged 25, an unemployed platelayer, and Amy Hainsworth, aged 21, with their throats cut in Beatrice Street, Bradford; both are expected to recover.

The Prince of Wales, who now owns Grove Farm, Lenton, Nottingham, has consented to become president of the Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society in 1929, when the society holds its next show, the Royal Show being at Nottingham next year.

Mr. Adam Matland, of Upper Woodcote, Purley, Surrey, vice-chairman of Coulsdon Council, a member of Surrey County Council, and a City man, has been invited by the executive committee of the Faversham Conservative Association, Kent, to contest the by-election consequent on the death of Sir Granville Wheeler.

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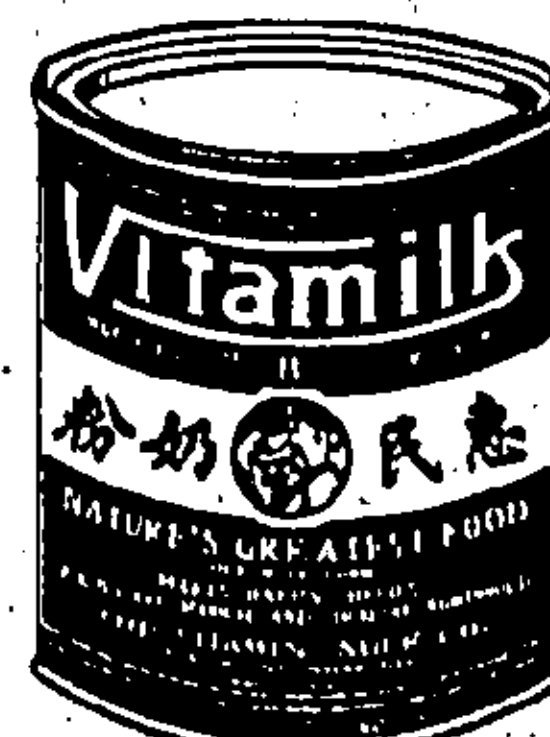
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SPORTS

ENGLAND BEHIND.

South Africa Lead On 1st Innings.

TAYLOR MAKES A CENTURY.

M.C.C. 63 Runs In Arrears To-day.

The M.C.C. team representing England in the cricket tour of South Africa is 63 runs behind on the first innings of the Fourth Test, South Africa being all out yesterday (the second day of the match) for 323 runs just before stumps were drawn. Taylor, of South Africa, completed a century.

Johannesburg, Yesterday. The sun shone brightly to-day when the second day's play opened in the Fourth Test. There was only a small crowd to see England resume the 1st innings on a fairly fast wicket.

From 233 runs for 7 wickets down, the score was taken along to 265, the last 3 wickets adding 32 runs. Blissett took 4 wickets for 43 runs and Hall 6 for 100. (Tidleyden made 42, Sutcliffe 37 and R.E.S. Wyatt 58).

Lunch Interval. South Africa's 1st innings score is 38 runs for 2 wickets down.

Tea Interval. The score is now 202 runs for 5 wickets. Runs were made fairly rapidly, Taylor being out for 101 runs.

End of Play. South Africa made 328 runs, all out. Cameron contributed 64. Stumps were then drawn for the day.—Reuter.

DERBY BAROMETER.

FAVOURITE DOWN TO 9 TO 4!

OTHER PRICES SHORTEN.

With the Hong Kong Derby exactly a fortnight off, interest in the event is increasing daily.

The favourite, Heir Apparent, has shortened from 3 to 1 yesterday to 9/4, indicating a considerable volume of business.

Next in demand is Boxing Eve, which came down after last night from 9/2 to 7/2. November is also well supported, coming down a point to sixes. Peck has come down to eights but Winsome Stag has gone out to tens.

Duke of Verona has caused a surprise, shortening from 33's to 18's. There are several long shots in which now must be included Movanager at 50's and U II which is now at 66.

The latest barometer to form, based on Mr. Frank Haytor's quotations, is as follows:—

8. Peck.
18. Pickle.
- 1000/30. Harlene.
- 50/1. Movanager.
- 66/1. U II.
- 40/1. Blackstone Hall.
- 35/1. Guild Hall.
- 1000/30. Manor Hall.
- 18/1. Duke of Verona.
- 20/1. Young Pretender.
- 9/4. Heir Apparent.
- 100/14. Sitting Bull.
- 100/16. Baker Bay.
- 1000/30. Congo Bay.
- 40/1. Deepwater Bay.
- 100/14. Monterey Bay.
23. Comrade.
12. Captain.
25. New Year's Eve.
- 7/2. Boxing Eve.
33. Mish Mish.
26. November.
25. Handsome Stag.
10. Winsome Stag.

STEEPLECHASES.

NEXT RACE MEETING ON MARCH 3.

FANLING HUNT DIARY.

March 3 has been fixed for the next steeplechase meeting of the Fanling Hunt, at Kwai, in the New Territories. In view of the last meeting having proved highly successful, the next ought to be of considerable interest with large fields as the feature again.

The programme of the Fanling Hunt is as follows:—

Wednesday, 1.—Meet at Sheung Shui Police Station, 2.45 p.m.

Saturday, 4.—Meet at Mr. Potts's Bungalow, 2.45 p.m.

Sunday, 5.—Point-to-Point, Lok Ma Chau, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, 8.—Meet at Souza's Bungalow, 2.45 p.m.

Saturday, 11.—Hunt ride, Hunters' Arms, 2.30 p.m.

Sunday, 12.—Meet at Sheung Shui, 7 a.m.

Sunday, 19.—Paper Hunt, Sheung Shui Police Station, 11.30 a.m.

Wednesday, 22.—Hunters' Arms, 2.30 p.m.

Saturday, 25.—Drag Meet, Mr. Potts's Bungalow, 2.45 p.m.

Sunday, 26.—Point-to-Point to be announced.

Wednesday, 29.—Meet at Sheung Shui Police Station, 2.45 p.m.

Saturday, March 3.—Steeplechase race meeting, Kwai.

GOLF INTERPORT.

END OF THE TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT.

FINISH "ALL SQUARE."

Hong Kong, Shanghai and Manila are "all square" in the Interport golf tournament which was concluded yesterday on the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's course at Fanling. Hong Kong defeated Manila by 5 points to 1; Manila surprisingly accounted for Shanghai by 8 points to 1; at the end of 19 holes on the singles, Shanghai led Hong Kong yesterday in two out of six matches and the local team was ahead in two matches, the score being level in the other two. Hong Kong had won the foursomes by 2 matches to 1.

Yesterday afternoon, however, Shanghai forged ahead and won the singles by 6 matches to 1, thereby defeating Hong Kong by 6 points to 3. The Shanghai players were in good form in the decisive stages.

How They Fared. After being all square with Pendered (Hong Kong) at the lunch interval, Budd (Shanghai) ultimately won by 3 up and 1 to play.

Blinko (Shanghai) wiped out the 2 holes' deficit against Andrews and won the 87th hole. Blinko is Shanghai's champion and Andrews Hong Kong's.

Malden (Shanghai) was 3 holes up on Erskine at the half-way stage and finished by winning 3 up and 2 to play.

The lead of 4 holes at lunch held by Piller (Shanghai) against Bloxham was increased in the afternoon, the former winning by 6 and 4.

Cumming (Shanghai) did well in the afternoon against Dodwell, winning 4 holes, and giving him victory by 4 and 3.

Murray was Hong Kong's only winner. At lunch he was a hole up on Pettit. He won by 4 and 3.

Dinner and Toasts.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Captain of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, presided at the Interport dinner in Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant last night.

After the loyal toast and that to the President of the United States, Mr. Hallifax proposed the toast of the visitors. They had had a good time, good fellowship and good matches, said Mr. Hallifax. The teams had finished up all square. He did not think anyone cared very much who won. "Territorial antagonism is only an excuse for further fixtures."

Mr. T. D. E. Pendered, the captain of the Hong Kong team, emphasised the pleasure Hong Kong felt at being able to entertain the visitors. Mr. M. W. Budd replied for Shanghai and Mr. Jolly for Manila.

RAIN WINS.

SHIELD HOCKEY MATCH POSTPONED.

Rain and the condition of the ground prevented the Sim Shield hockey tie between the Army and the Royal Air Force from being played at the U.S.R.C. yesterday. It is hoped to decide the tie tomorrow. Fixtures to be completed are:—

Army v. R.A.F. (and return), Club v. Army, Royal Navy v. R.A.F., Club v. Royal Navy, and Club v. R.A.F.

The positions of the Clubs to date are:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Royal Navy	4	3	1	0	17	5	6
The Army	3	2	1	0	8	6	4
H.K. Hockey Club	3	1	2	0	5	11	2
Royal Air Force	2	0	2	0	1	9	0

The Army XI. for to-morrow will be:—Capt. Renny (K.O.S.B.), Sgt. Dods (Queen's), Sgt. Hooper (Queen's); Lt. Kealy (Queen's), Capt. Webb, (E/2nd Punjab), Major Greig (R.E.); Lt. Dickinson (Queen's), Capt. Howard (R.A.), Lt. Burton (Queen's), Capt. Dobbie (K.O.S.B.), Sgt. Rancome (Queen's).

Reserves:—Rev. J. P. Murray, Y.M.C. Kowloon; Lt. Shillington (K.O.S.B.), Capt. Jacobs-Larkcom (R.E.), Cpl. Jeams (Queen's), Sgt. O'Flaherty (R.A.M.C.).

Mexico City, Yesterday.—In a boxing contest over fifteen rounds for the Latin-American heavyweight championship, Paulino Uzcudun knocked out the Mexican, Romero Rojas.—Reuter's American Service.

For the Hong Kong Boxing Association tournament at the Lee Theatre on Saturday night, it should be noted that ring-side accommodation will be limited to 165 seats as against the 300 formerly provided at the City Hall. It is essential for patrons to book their seats early, and members of the Association, if they do not wish to be disappointed, should take advantage of their privilege.

USEFUL TRIAL.

SCOTLAND'S SOCCER CUP HOPES.

INTERNATIONAL FINAL.

[By "Rover."]

In preparation for the final for the "Sunday Herald" Charity Soccer Cup to be played on Saturday, Feb. 25, between Scotland and China, the Scotland XI held a practice on the Club ground on Sunday when the following teams lined out.

Scottish XI:—Logan (Club); Hurst (Guards), Johnstone (Guards); Aird (Guards), Stewart (Club), Carswell (Guards); Campbell (K.O.S.B.), Oram (Police), McKelvie (Kowloon), McGlinchey (K.O.S.B.), Craig (K.O.S.B.), H.M.S. "Titanic," Navy XI:—Brookman; Barkham, Baker; Yard, Farlow, Richardson; Balcombe, Benton, Kernick, Herbert, Hone.

Referee: Mr. Hutchings, H. K. F.A.

As a practice for the big game, the match was a complete success. Scotland possesses many fine players, particularly in the defence, Logan, the Club reserve goalie, deputised for Clarke very well, and Hurst was the classier of two good backs.

Stewart, Aird, and Carswell were a fine trio of half-backs and all three must be in the final Scottish XI.



Lawson Robertson, track and field coach of the University of Pennsylvania, who has been selected head coach of the American Olympic track and field team which will journey to Amsterdam, Holland, in 1928, to compete in the Olympic Games. Robertson was head coach of the American team in 1924 and for 15 years has assisted in preparing American track stars for the Olympic games.

team. Against a very nippy forward line, these half-backs gave nothing away.

Scotland was weak forward, where McKelvie, McKelvie and Campbell were the pick, McKelvie being easily the most dangerous forward on the Scottish side.

The Naval side, as expected, played a fine rousing game, possessing a great defence where Brookman, Barkham and Farlow were outstanding; and a good forward display, Balcombe playing one of his best games, Kernick and Herbert being very prominent in a good line.

McGlinchey gave Scotland the lead and Balcombe equalised in the first half.

Scotland, benefited by the practice and with Clarke, McBride, McKelvie and the Rev. F. P. W. Alexander to be considered for the final selection, will field a side which should maintain the high traditions of Scottish soccer. The form of the probable players for the final match is very encouraging. A further practice together, with the probable XI out against a really strong XI such as the Navy XI in this match, is all that is required to ensure a great final for the International Cup.

HOME F. A. CUP.

CLUBS PAIRED FOR THE 5TH ROUND.

MATCHES ON FEB. 18.

London, Yesterday.

The draw for the 5th round of the competition proper of the Football Association Cup, to be played on February 18, resulted as follows:—

Bury or Manchester United v. Birmingham.
Sheff. Wednesday v. Sheffield United.
Arsenal v. Aston Villa.
Leicester v. Spurs.
Manchester City v. Stoke.
Rangers v. Middlesbrough.
Exeter or Blackburn v. Port Vale.
Derby or Notts Forest v. Cardiff.
—Reuter.

AUCTION BRIDGE.

ON CUTTING LOW OR HIGH.

THE NEW CODE.

Readers will be interested to know that the revision of the English laws, which was undertaken by the Portland Conference, is now completed, and that the new code will shortly be printed and put into circulation. In drafting the new code the committee of the Portland Club have been most fortunate in having had Lord Dunsin's invaluable assistance.

The piece of resistance of the conference's deliberations was, of course, the question as to whether we should adopt "majority" bidding or adhere to our old system of bidding by "value." After what was practically a dead heat "value" won in the run-off.

The great question of bidding and most other points having been settled, a delegate suddenly sprang upon the meeting a proposition for drastic alteration in the law relating to cutting. He alleged that "it is possible to cut a low or high card at will," and the questions he put to those present were: (1) Is it possible? (2) If it is, is it done in some quarters? and (3) What unfair advantage (if any) is gained by those who can and do practice it?

As to the first question, the possibility of cutting low or high cards at will, this was generally admitted by those present. With regard to the second question, "Is it done?" I am afraid I can testify to its being done, to its being done pretty frequently, and to its having been done for many years past. In fact, as it may interest readers to know, the first case of cutting high or low that came to my notice occurred some thirty years ago at Alexandria.

With regard to the third question, that of advantage, the main advantage lies in ensuring, if successful, the cutting of a partner who is the best player at the table, or of getting the deal by cutting a low card; the deal under later conditions of bidding having, in my opinion, considerably increased in value. Or a still greater advantage occurs when the two better players cut two low cards, get together, and have the first deal as well. Under such circumstances the poor unsuspecting suffers may be "but up" to play rubber after rubber together.

This "cutting" question was brought before the Card Committee of the Portland Club not long ago, and they decided to take no action, their reasons being:—

1. That it could not be done.
2. That the laws are not made to prevent cheating.

On this point a well-known card player writes to me: "As for the suggestion that the laws are not made to prevent cheating, I deny that absolutely. Because no legislation is possible against some forms of cheating the ridiculous slogan has gone round that the laws are intended to prevent irregularity of any kind, in so far as it is possible to do so. To take only one instance, which ought to be quite sufficient, why does my opponent cut the cards to me? Obviously to ensure that after shuffling I have not put an ace at the bottom of the pack."

The cheat generally acts last. He is lighting his cigarette, or looking at the past score, or talking to someone. By one means or another he usually waits until everybody else has cut, and then knows whether he wants a high or a low card. There is also, I am assured, such a person as the passive cheat. He will not directly cheat himself; perhaps he is unable to do so, but he knows that "A" is an adept, and he knows that "A" wants to cut him. He, therefore, cuts quickly so as to give "A" a good chance of doing so.

It may be said in some quarters that the expert I have quoted must occasionally play in peculiar places, but to this the simple reply is that it was the duty of the conference to legislate for all, and we can only hope that they have most thoroughly done so in this particular matter.

The explanation of the possibility of cutting a low or a high card is as follows:—

When the pack is spread-eagled upon the table with an adept's finished lightness of touch (and touch plays a great part in this stage of the game, I can assure you) the aces, twos, threes, and fours, say, having but little paint upon their surfaces and thus creating but little friction, slip over the backs of the other cards and are known to the adept as "slippers." The high cards, the kings, queens, jacks, tens, and nines, say, having considerably more paint upon their surfaces, create more friction, and therefore stick to the backs of the other cards and are correspondingly known as "stickers." Personally, from my own experience, I consider that the de-

BOXING.

VALUES OF PUNCH AND SCIENCE.

HOW AMERICANS WIN.

Boxing (writes "John Fearless" in the "Athletic News") provides many stimulating surprises—the human element is so strongly manifested. A first-class boxer will show up brilliantly against an opponent of considered equality and fall against an antagonist of less ability. Logically, an orthodox champion should always beat a rival with unorthodox methods; but sometimes he badly fails. Book form in boxing is frequently a delusion and a snare. Georges Carpentier was a eloquent example when he was badly beaten at Colombes by the Senegalese, Battling Siki.

From what was seen of Willie Smith while he was outboxing Teddy Baldock, he gave the critics the impression that he was destined to win a world's championship. The referee, and Dominick Petrone, upset these ideas when the South African was adjudged the loser in the fight at Detroit recently. Candidly, one gathers the opinion after reading the cable reports that Willie Smith was handed a raw deal. Yet it was palpable that Smith's ultra-cleverness was discounted by the harder and more spectacular hitting of the American-Italian.

All that matters to the fight fans in America is the punch! They just idolise the fighter who can deliver the "goods," which means a terrific jolt on the chin or a powerful pile-driver to the body.

The "Slogger's Paradise."

British boxing exports have laid down the law that proficiency with the straight left is the Alpha and Omega of boxing ability. On the contrary, the American school declares that the fighter who wins is the fellow who keeps up a continuously dazzling attack regardless of skill or accuracy in landing.

Willie Smith must now feel a sadder and wiser man. For he will realise that his lack of driving power behind his leads is a detrimental factor on the other side of the Atlantic. A successful straight left must have strength behind it.

Phil Scott will soon be back home in London. He has the satisfaction of knowing that after his sensational first round debacle with Knute Hansen he stayed on to compel cheers instead of jeers. This is conclusive proof that Scott is plucky enough, and possessed of genuine fighting spirit. He may not be the best word among British heavyweight champions, but he has succeeded in removing the stigma which enveloped him after his affair with Hansen.

Scott naturally believed he had scored sufficient points to have secured the decision at the end of ten rounds with the Austrian, Johnny "Rinko" Patey. A veteran "third man in the ring," he held a different opinion, and so Scott's name on pugilistic records will be registered with two defeats and one victory during his first trip to the land overflowing with money.

Not that Scott has collected many dollars. He would have earned more than £1,000 had Paulino Uzcudun not run out of the match. Hansen was not considered such a big box office attraction. To prove his contention that he was unlucky with the "Melancholy Dane," Scott agreed to fight Monte Munn for bare expenses.

Twelve thousand spectators filled the building when Scott faced Risiko, and I expect that Scott was well paid, but against this is a 384 percentage, which has to be paid to his American manager! This is a matter of business, and the general rate of pay for American fight managers.

Tranmere Rovers have refused an offer from Bradford City for Cartman, their outside right.

In an ice hockey match at Antwerp a Belgian team beat Oxford University by 1 goal to nil, says Reuter.

The Gloucestershire Cricket Club's loss on the season was £399, after £400 had been drawn from the sustentation fund.

Seddon and Gibson, the Bolton Wanderers' players who have been on the injured list for some weeks, have resumed training.

The Surbiton Lawn Tennis Club have decided on a vote to allow the playing of inter-club matches at their courts on Sundays.

Who has had the courage to bring the possibilities of unfair play so forcibly to the notice of the conference has rendered a great service to card players the world over. Let us bear in mind that a black sheep is to be found in nearly every fold, and when he takes the form of a "cutter" at the card table it is just as well that the white sheep should have been placed in the position of being able to protect themselves from him.—"Slam."

KEEPING WELL.

HEALTH PROBLEMS IN THE EAST.

RECENT CONGRESS.

Delegates from Malaya to the recent Congress of the Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine held at Calcutta, have returned full of enthusiasm for the public health and tropical research work which they saw in India.

This Congress was undoubtedly the largest and most influential gathering of scientists and members of the medical profession ever held in the Orient; Dr. J. W. Scharff, Port Health Officer at Singapore, told a "Straits Times" representative. It was attended by nine hundred members, and over 250 scientific papers were read. The distinguished visitors included Sir Walter Fletcher, secretary of the Medical Research Council in England, Professor Madsen, head of the health committee of the League of Nations, and Professor Stephens, of the School of Tropical Medicine, Liverpool, in addition to a number of well-known scientists working in India.

Tropical Medicine Research.

That India was undoubtedly the foremost country in the world in the direction of tropical medical research was the impression left by the Congress and the subsequent tour, Dr. Scharff said. In the matter of malaria control Malaya might claim to be ahead, but the work that was being done in India in connection with cholera, dysentery, plague, and other tropical diseases was wonderful.

Speaking of malaria, Dr. Scharff said that a divergence was revealed during the Congress discussions between the school of thought, led by Colonel James, which advocated quinine distribution and the capture of adult infected mosquitoes as the best methods of control, and those who championed the anti-larval methods which had been developed with such success by the health services of Malaya. Sir Malcolm Watson, Dr. Hoops, Dr. Wellington and Dr. Scharff addressed the conference on the methods in use in this country, and it was satisfactory to those who believed that Malaya was on the right lines that a resolution was passed, with all the authority of the Congress—the most influential body in existence dealing with public health in warm climates—favouring the anti-larval policy.

Leprosy Expert's Views.

The delegates were greatly impressed with the progress that was being made in India in the treatment of leprosy; Dr. Scharff added, and there was no doubt that India led the world in research connected with this disease. Dr. Muir, the grant authority on leprosy, was inclined to dump any inclination to claim absolute certainty of cure, but he emphasised the fact that there was a very reasonable chance of complete recovery in early cases, and the main conclusion of discussions on this subject was the hopefulness of treatment if sufferers from the disease could be dealt with in the early stages. The curative methods which are being applied with such success in India are being widely used in leper institutions in Malaya, which claims to be well up-to-date in the treatment of this disease.

A severe cholera epidemic was raging in Calcutta at the time the Congress was sitting, and the members had an opportunity to see the tremendous scale on which vaccination was carried out. Thanks to these methods the epidemic was happily under control by the time the delegates left India.

India and Malaya.

Public health work in India was faced with problems on a vast scale and of a different nature to those in Malaya, Dr. Scharff remarked. In this country the public health consciousness of the people was much more alive, as was shown by the success of the anti-hookworm campaign in Malacca and Penang and the malaria control measures in the rural areas of Singapore. In India the difficulty was chiefly one of education. There they had vast masses of illiterate people, bound down by religious superstitions and social customs. The custom of keeping Indian womenfolk in purdah constituted a problem from which public health officers in Malaya were happily almost free. In India this custom made it very difficult to apply modern methods of preventive medicine, particularly at the stage of early childhood, but there were signs of improvement, and the work done at such centres as the Lady Harding health centre at Delhi was undoubtedly having its effect among the women and children of India.

A message from London states that the Imperial Chemical Industries are issuing 20,500,000 unissued capital to purchase new businesses.

\$2,500 BAIL ESTREATED.

Arrested yesterday for the unlawful possession of 250 dutiable "Reina Victoria" cigars a Chinese was allowed out on bail of \$2,500. When the case was called before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistrate's court this morning, the accused failed to appear and his bail was estreated.

MONEY & SHARES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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On demand 184 1/2

On Calcutta—

Wire 184 1/2
On demand 184 1/2

On Singapore—

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On demand 80 1/2
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DEMAND FOR OPERA.

SIR T. BEECHAM'S POPULAR SCHEME.

LONDON'S GOOD EXAMPLE.

"The scheme is now going very well indeed," said Sir Thomas Beecham, when referring, in an interview with a representative of "The Daily Telegraph," to his Imperial League of Opera proposal. "London is keeping up a very good average, and one that is increasing gradually every day. What I was inclined to fear at the beginning has not come to pass—that is, to say, a grand rush at the start, and then a falling off later on. As a matter of fact, interest is increasing rather than diminishing. The large provincial towns are also now waking up; and as an example of what a musical town ought to do, and did not do, Manchester is now lifting its head and getting along very well. Up to the present ninety-nine out of every hundred subscriptions have come from the people for whom it is primarily intended—the men with moderate means."

Replying to a question as to whether he was in a position to give any figures regarding the progress of the scheme, Sir Thomas said that he was unable to do so at the moment, but he hoped to be able to give some figures at the meeting to be held in support of the object at Queen's Hall. No tickets will be required, all the seats being free. Lord Islington, who will take the chair, will make an important statement, and as many inquiries have been addressed to Sir Thomas as to specific points on the business side of the scheme, the chairman of the trustees will devote himself to making those points clear. Captain Cazalet, M.P., will represent the younger element of the House of Commons, and deal with the work of the League as a national asset from the political point of view.

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RADIO TOPICS

RADIO PIRATES.

DAY OF RECKONING
COMING.

U.S. CONTROL BILL.

A day of reckoning for radio "pirates" and "programme smuglers," and of hope for some twenty million "listeners-in," is said to have dawned when President Coolidge signed the new Radio Control Bill. For ever since a Supreme Court decision deprived Secretary Hoover of his job as aerial traffic cop in charge of wave-lengths, the radio has run wild, new broadcasting stations springing up like mushrooms and filling the ether with so many conflicting and over-lapping vibrations that the result to the listener was becoming something very like chaos. Because one of the main purposes of the new law is to reduce this chaos to order, Senator Dill, who helped write it, calls it "the Magna Carta of the radio listeners"; and the press generally welcomes it with great expectations. "To the man in the street, it constitutes the most important legislation of the session," says the "Washington Post," which predicts that "millions of listeners-in will remember the Sixty-ninth Congress as the one which 'cleared the air.'"

In this law "Congress has heeded the wishes of a united nation," remarks the "Washington Star"; and this unanimity of demand it explains by the statement that "radio fans the country over have had their ears rendered practically useless by the uncontrolled and unregulated broadcasting stations." "Then will be joy in the heart and music in the soul of the radio fan, for whom the present winter has been one of much suffering," says the Toledo "Blade." For the "Indies and gentlemen of the radio audience" it means escape from the hellish caused by competitive "jumping" of wave-lengths, remarks the Philadelphia "Evening Public Ledger"; and the New York "Times" rejoices at the promise that "the great un-seen audiences" are soon to be rescued from "aerial chaos."

Serious Defects.

There are pessimistic commentators, of course, who think the law bristles with serious defects, but in the main it is regarded by the press as a long step in the right direction. The chief complaints of its critics are that it fails to preclude the nation's "ownership of the air," thereby leaving the door open for private interests to claim vested rights in certain wave-lengths; and that it makes no provision against charging for listening-in, or against patented devices for this purpose.

The new law supersedes the radio law of 1912, which was enacted before the development of broadcasting had brought the present problems into existence. It is a compromise measure, combining certain features of a House bill favored by Representative W. H. White (Rep. of Maine, with other features of a Senate bill sponsored by Senator C. C. Bill (Dem.), of Washington. This Bill-White bill, which was enacted by Congress on February 18, and signed by President Coolidge five days later, is summarised as follows by the Washington correspondent of the New York "Times."

Radio Commission.

"Under its terms the measure shall take effect and be in force upon its passage and approval, except that for a period of sixty days after Presidential approval no holder of a licence issued by the Secretary of Commerce shall be subject to the penalties provided in the bill for operating a station without licence." This sixty-day period will expire on April 24.

"President Coolidge will appoint a Radio Commission of five members—one from each of the five zones into which the country is to be divided.

"Not more than three members of the commission may be of the same political party and no member

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SERVICE.

RADIO SCIENCE.

Considerable interest has been taken by both the Press and the public in Empire Broadcasting, and while the laurels for the most successful transmission of European programme appear to rest with a Continental station, it is ventured to predict that ere long, a regular British service will be established with the more distant parts of the Empire.

Messrs. S. G. Brown, Ltd., though the energetic efforts of their agents, Messrs. Noyes Brothers (Pty.), Ltd., Melbourne, have provided us with some most interesting details of the manner in which these transmissions have been received and relayed in Australia.

The reception from Europe (Holland) was effected by an Ignacio super-heterodyne set, near to which was the Microphone of the BLO (Melbourne) Broadcasting station. Before the Microphone and connected to the receiving set, was the vital link of the whole chain—a "Brown Q" type Loud Speaker. The clarity of the relay thus transmitted by BLO was such that many of the thousands listening to the programme could scarcely believe that the transmission was not actually a stunt feature being performed in the studio of BLO as part of their normal programme.

Messrs. S. G. Brown, Ltd., are certainly living up to their reputation. First in the field in their particular branch of radio science, they are once again playing a prominent part in what, it is ventured to suggest will in years to come, be looked upon as an historical event. The performance of the Loud Speaker was worthy of the firm whose name it bears; a firm who have unceasingly and unflinchingly maintained their ideals of quality and reliability; by adopting their methods to the required conditions, by adopting a firm and consistent policy and by improving wherever and wherever possible, they have the satisfaction of knowing that their reputation is recognised all over the world, and is safeguarded by the dependability of their products.

may be financially interested in the manufacture or sale of radio apparatus or in the transmission or operation of radio-telegraphy, radio-telephony, or radio broadcasting.

"This commission will classify all radio stations, assign lengths to the various classes of stations, determine the location of classes of stations, or of individual stations, make regulations deemed necessary to prevent interference between stations, and make special regulations applicable to stations engaged in chain broadcasting.

"The commission is also vested with authority to make general rules and regulations requiring stations to keep such records of programmes, transmissions of energy, communications or signals as it may deem proper. Under the new law, 'pirating of waves' will be unlawful. Changes in wave-lengths, authorized power, character of emitted signals or times of operation of any station can not be made unless in the judgment of the commission such changes will 'promote public convenience or interest or will serve public necessity' or more fully comply with the provisions of the new law.

"This is the situation that will exist under the Congressional compromise until one year after the first meeting of the Federal Radio Commission. After that all the powers and authority vested in the commission under the new law, except as to revocation of licences, will be vested in the Secretary of Commerce. But the commission after the lapse of a year is to have power to act upon and determine any and all matters brought before it on appeal from the decisions of the Secretary of Commerce.

RADIO WAVES.

HOW OBSTACLES DISTORT
THEM.

INTERESTING FACTS.

Large structures or natural features in the path of radio waves twist them so as to alter their direction. In some instances these objects may even act as secondary sources of radiation. The Washington Monument has been found to function in this way. Receiving instruments near it may be tuned to the monument's wave-length instead of to that of the original source. These and other interesting facts are brought out by recent government tests described in "The Radio Age" (New York) by S. R. Winters. Mr. Winters notes that trees, bridges, embankments, streams of water, trolley lines, valleys, large screens, water towers, and other surrounding objects are likely to exercise a distorting influence on radio waves. Any of these objects, when interposed between the transmitting station and your radio receiving set, may cause the wave to deviate from its true course. He writes:—

"When coils of wire are employed as radio direction-finders, the distorting effect of surrounding objects must be systematically avoided or the causes included in direction-finding calculations.

"The Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards is called upon to make tests to determine the twisting influence of radio waves as caused by objects interposed in their path. The Lighthouse Service, with its radio beacons, may request of the Bureau assistance in determining suspected deviation of waves which would invalidate the effectiveness of direction-finders in taking bearings from radio beacons. Again, the Coast Guard, in its recent adaptation of radio direction-finders in trading run smugglers, may need to know if the shore-line of a river or a concrete bridge is undermining the directional characteristics of these direction-finders.

"These suggested services, together with the ever-increasing applications of the radio direction-finder, place added emphasis upon investigations conducted by the Radio Laboratory. Francis W. Dunmore and Morris S. Strock negotiated this study for the Federal Government, exploring into the secrets of trees, bridges, banks of rivers, valleys, and trolley lines.

"Even the Washington Monument, towering in silent majesty to a height of more than 500 feet, did not escape these government scientists. And stranger than fiction was the revelation coaxed from this enduring shaft of marble. It not only has a natural wave-length—about 625 meters—but when NAA, the naval station at Arlington, is broadcasting on 2,500 meters, the Washington Monument is, in effect, a secondary radio transmitting station.

"It is interesting to note that when the Arlington station was transmitting on 2,500 meters, the signals could be heard on about 800 meters. Observation showed that the monument was the source, thus indicating it was set in oscillation at the third harmonic of the Arlington wave, and was thus radiating into the surrounding region."

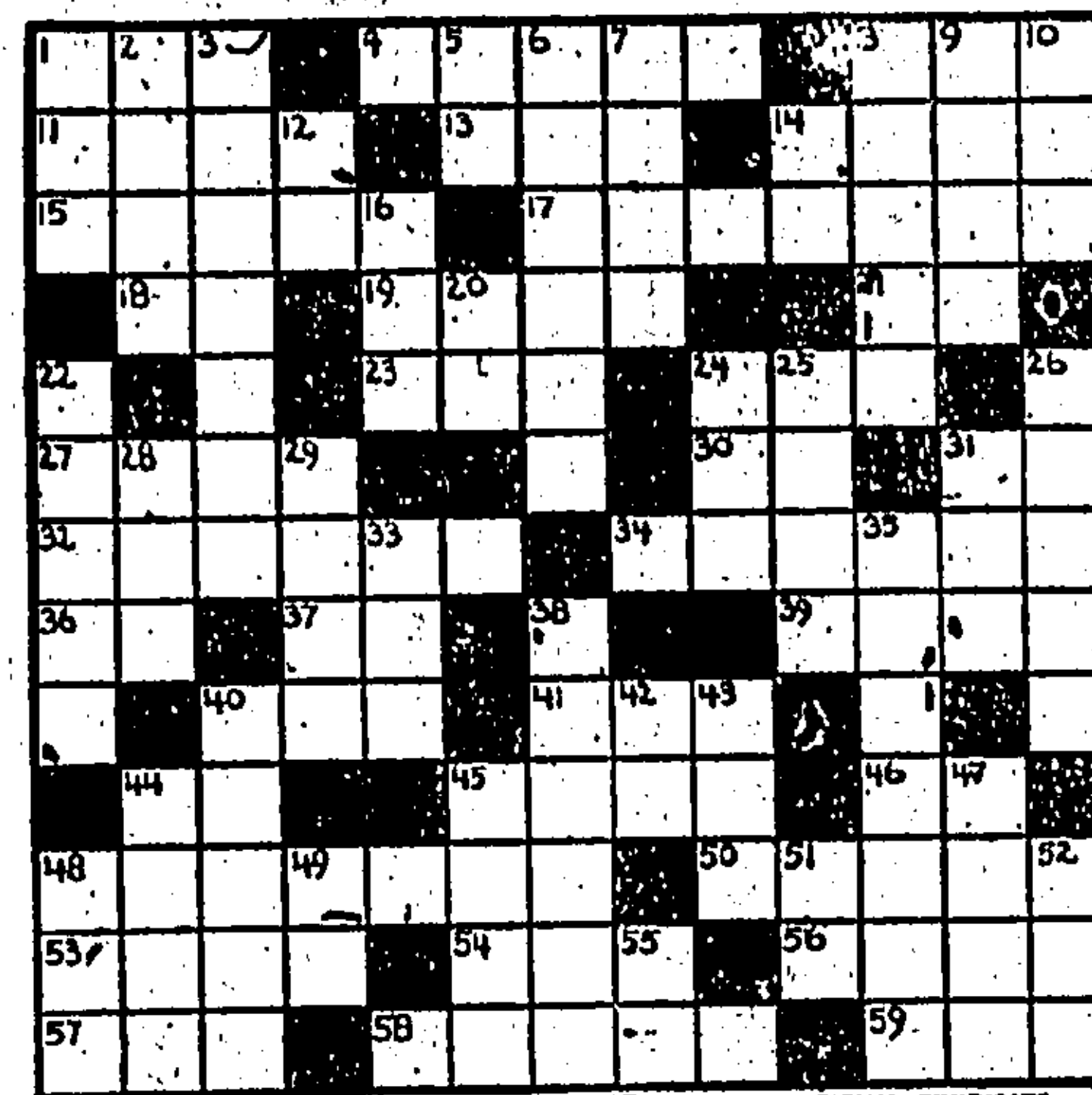
Natural Wave Length.

Tests near the monument indicated that the greatest distortion of the wave front was at 625 meters, which led to the conclusion that this is the natural wave-length of the shaft. Signals were sent from a special transmitting station at the Soldiers' Home, on a series of wave-lengths, from 400 to 1,000 meters. The direction-finder was stationed, successively, at each of six positions at increasing distances from the monument. Some of the observations showed peculiar twists of the radio waves, which led the investigators to conclude that these distortions were traceable to an underground cable line extending in a southeasterly direction. To quote further:—

"With a portable direction-finding outfit, the representatives of the Bureau of Standards invaded a valley, through which coursed a brook, twenty-five feet wide. The direction-finder was carried from point to point along this brook, and in one instance did the invisible wave swerve to any appreciable degree.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Prefix. From
- 4-A great city of France
- 6-To be able
- 11-A species of palm
- 13-Encountered
- 14-Walking stick
- 15-A river of Austria and Hungary
- 17-Not counterfeited
- 18-A small weight (abbr.)
- 19-To mutilate
- 21-Prefix. Back
- 23-Spanish for "hair"
- 24-To indite
- 27-Musical wind-instrument
- 30-Conjunction
- 31-Prefix. A form of "ad"
- 32-A town in N. W. Canada
- 34-Famous mountain in N. California
- 35-Man's name (familiar)
- 37-Aurum (chem. sym.)
- 38-To boil slowly
- 40-Prefix. Same as "super"

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 41-Roman goddess of agriculture
- 44-Father
- 45-Egyptian sun god
- 46-Sneeze-mender
- 50-Suffix—"having a horror of"
- 53-Adherent
- 54-A familiar forest tree
- 56-An island of the Cyclades group, Greece
- 57-Not principal or main
- 58-Unclouded
- 59-Xenophon (abbr.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

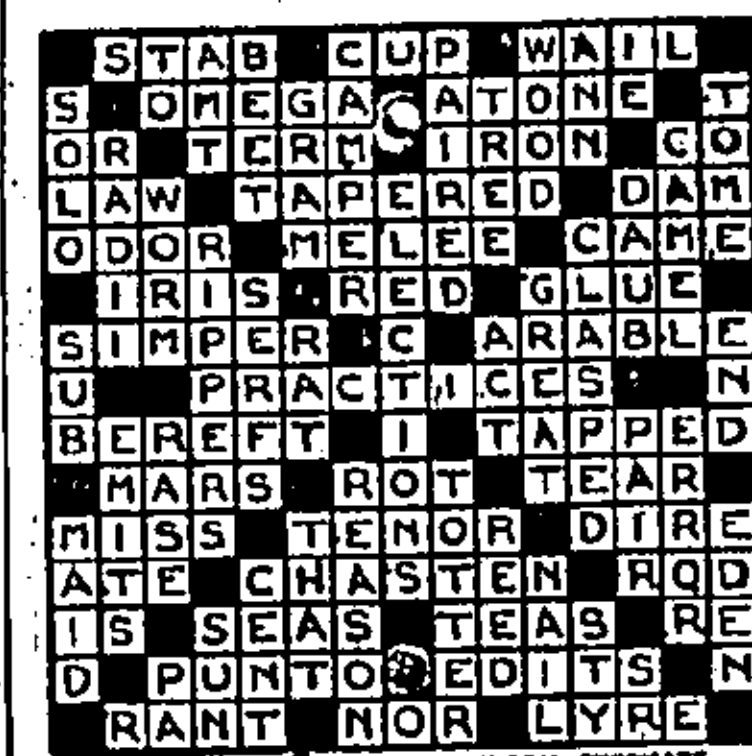
- 10-French for "born"
- 12-Broad street (abbr.)
- 14-Cubic (abbr.)
- 15-A type measure (pl.)
- 20-Associate of Arts (abbr.)
- 22-Facsimile
- 24-Interjection. Pshaw
- 25-Epoche
- 26-Strength
- 28-Evil
- 29-Jacob's brother (Bible)
- 31-Pierced
- 33-Possessive pronoun
- 35-A river between Maine, U. S. and Canada
- 38-To hunt with grayhounds
- 40-Black
- 42-An island possession of U. S. (abbr.)
- 43-A month (abbr.)
- 44-Prefix. Many
- 45-An aquatic mammal
- 47-Companion
- 48-A wheeled vehicle
- 49-Proposition
- 51-His Majesty (abbr.)
- 52-Vast period of time
- 58-Interjection

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the number "squares" and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



proneching the shore-line at an angle of 500 degrees, is not distorted appreciably.

"A concrete bridge, if it contains iron reinforcements, is apt to bend radio waves considerably. The Radio Laboratory placed its portable direction-finding equipment on a 150-foot reinforced concrete bridge. This test showed large angles of distortion, attributed to the iron reinforcements of the bridge.

"Experiments with the coil aerial, an integral unit of a radio direction-finder, directly under a 100-foot 2-wire antenna, 75 feet overhead, failed to produce any distortion when the antenna was tuned or untuned. This antenna was stretched at an angle of 15 degrees with the line to the transmitting station. However, when the direction-finder was placed near the lead-in wire, the incoming radio waves evidenced a marked deviation. "Very little, if any distortion existed with the antenna untuned," observed Dunmore. "This shows," he emphasizes, "the importance of keeping the direction-finder at a considerable distance (100 feet or more) from any such tuned circuit."

"As a result of these observations," summarises Mr. Dunmore, "it appears that there is 'luction or radiation from most metallic objects, so that a radio direction-finder placed in the immediate vicinity gives an erroneous indication of the direction of the transmitting station. The magnitude of this distortion depends greatly upon the wave-length."

"For this reason, it is always advisable to detune or open circuit any antenna which are in the immediate neighbourhood of a direction-finding station. It also seems doubtful whether burying wires near the receiving station is sufficient to avoid all distortion."

"In general, the distortion decreases to a negligible amount at a distance away from the disturbing object about equal to its largest dimension."

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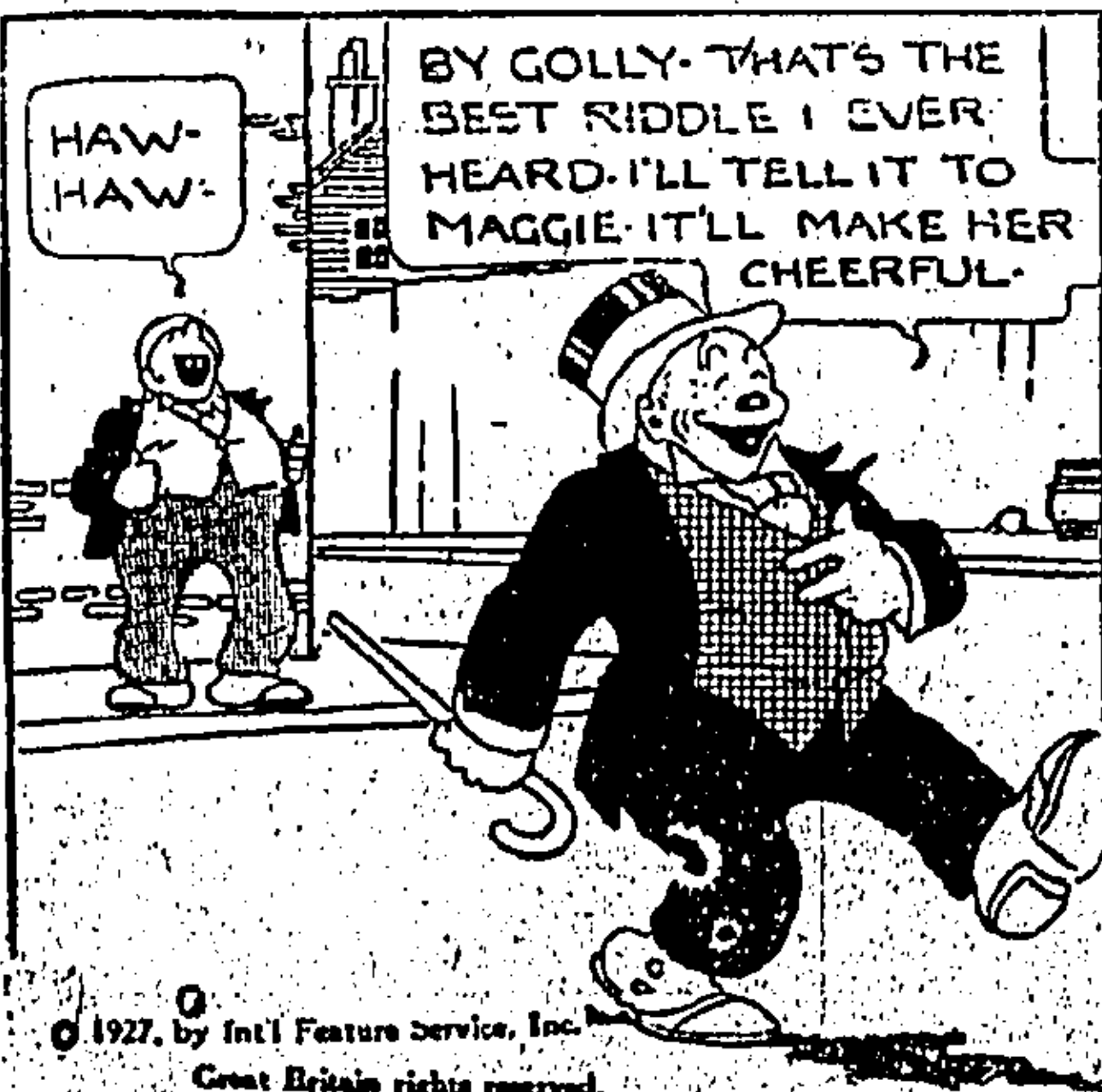
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 HEARD. I'LL TELL IT TO
 MAGGIE. IT'LL MAKE HER
 CHEERFUL.

MAGGIE, WHAT IS
 IT THAT HAS EIGHT
 LEGS AND SINGS
 TWICE A DAY?

EIGHT LEGS
 AND SINGS
 TWICE A DAY?
 I DON'T
 KNOW
 WHAT IS IT?

A QUARTETTE
 IN VAUDEVILLE

THAT
REMINDS
ME-

I MUST ORDER
 A NEW DRESS
 FOR MRS. DELAY'S
 MUSICAL NEXT
 WEEK.

THAT'S A
 FINE RIDDLE
 I TOLD-

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WHY THEY SHOULD BE
BRAVE.

THE SECRET.

Englishwomen, they say, do not
make the best of themselves. And
the secret of this is that we do not
possess the audacity of ugliness.As a nation we have physical
assets—our clear skins, rich hair,
and bright eyes—and these should
give us a good start; but in the
race for looks we are outdistanced
by other women—by Parisian and
American.Neither of these is ever daunted
by the fact that Nature has not
blessed her with a pretty face or a
good figure. She dresses well
and carries herself as grandly as
her beautiful sisters—indeed, she
assumes rather more of an air than
they, with the happy result that
an ill-dressed, plain, or ungainly
woman is seldom seen in France or
in America."L'audace, l'audace, toujours
l'audace," is one of the soundest
maxims ever laid down. Even the
audacity of ugliness proves suc-
cessful. "There are no ugly
women, only some women who do
not know how to look pretty," said
Antoine Berranger, the French ad-
vocate.He was right. Dressed to perfec-
tion, and with a confident air that
she looks well, an ugly woman will
triumph over better-looking sisters,
who have not her gift of audacity.
Mothers often make the mistake
of dressing their pretty girls and
leaving the plain ones to fend for
themselves. Would it not be bet-
ter to take the ugly ducklings in
hand, give them hints on the art
of dressing, and teach them to
have confidence in their clothes,
their looks, and themselves? Dis-
raeli knew his world, and he called
vanity "that divine gift which
makes woman charming."In the Victorian days there was
an idea that plain looks and plain
dressing meant proper conduct.
But now we ask: "Why shouldn't
all the virtues go clothed in chiffon
and, if a halo is denied, why may
we not wear a Paris hat?" The
famous Mme. de Staël once con-
fessed that she would give all her
brains to be beautiful.

LONDON'S FLOODS.

POLICE HUSTLE DAZED
FAMILIES.

A WEIRD SCENE.

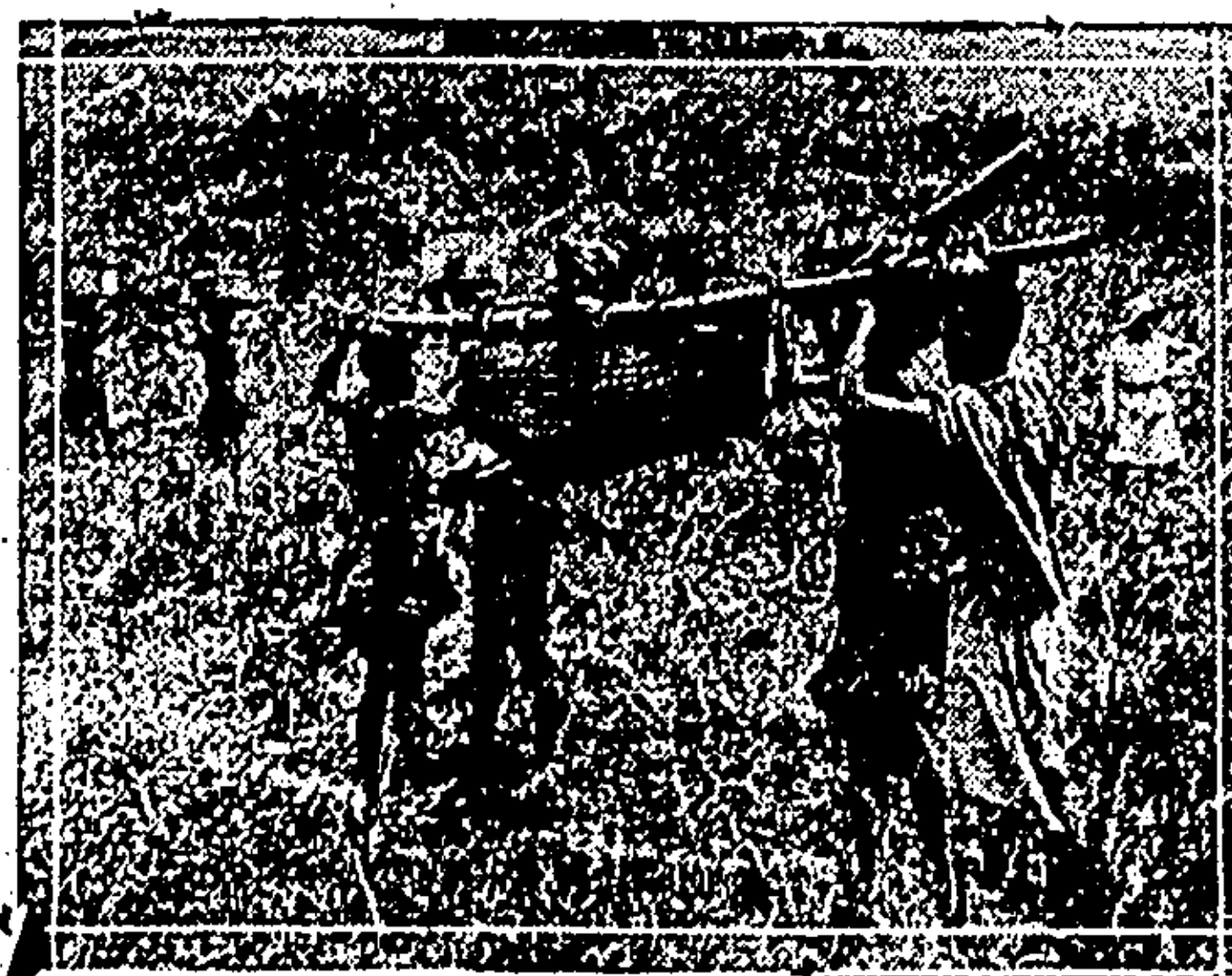
London, Jan. 7.

In the neighbourhood of the Em-
bankment the police had to hustle
dazed and terror-stricken families
from basements, and women and
children were rescued in their
night-clothes from the in-rushing
water.The weirdness of the scene was
intensified by fire brigades dashing
to the danger-spots over a wide
area, warning sirens blasts from
river steamers, chugging motor-
boats looking out for people in dis-
tress, and the sound of an ominous
and irresistible rush of water into
houses.Acute anxiety is felt for the
safety of the training-ship "Presi-
dent," which is level with the Em-
bankment. It is feared she will
break her moorings.Cleopatra's Needle is the centre
of a raging torrent.Victims of the storm include
four children between eighteen
months and three years, who were
trapped asleep in a basement at
Westminster and two domestic ser-
vants killed at Hammersmith.A portion of the Houses of Par-
liament is flooded, also the Black-
wall and Rotherhithe tunnels, Lam-
beth Palace and St. Thomas's Hos-
pital.Underground services are dis-
located. Workmen are feverishly
building up the Embankment in
fear of a repetition of the disas-
ter at the next tide.The Tower garrison has been
turned out. The water under the
Tower Bridge is too high to per-
mit of the passage of boats.—
"Times of Ceylon."Due to the close division in
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the power to upset Republican
Left to right, front, Senator Wil-
George W. Norris, of Nebraska;
Jr., of Wisconsin; and Senator
Back row, Senator Smith W. Br.
P. Nye, of North Dakota; Sena-
Senator Blaine, of Wisconsin, an
Minnesota.the upper branch of Congress
epublicans, held in their hands
plane during the present session.
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polkhart, of Iowa; Senator Gerald
Robert B. Howell, of Nebraska;
d Senator Henrik Shipstead, of
Minnesota.

TOLD AGAIN.

A ROMANCE OF THE DUTCH
EAST INDIES.

TOBACCO KING.

The Review of Reviews relates as
"not told before" a romance of the
Dutch East Indies which, although
we think it has a chestnutty
flavour, is worth reproducing."About 65 years ago a young
Dutchman, hardly in his twenties
and possessing more pluck than
hard cash, went out to Java to
seek his fortune, which he found
through misfortune. He proved no
good in the office of a Dutch com-
pany and became broke. Swallow-
ing the white man's pride, he offer-
ed his services to an Arabian horse-
dealer, who let him look after the
horses on board a small ship going
to Singapore. An unfavourable
wind drifted the ship on to the
swampy coast of Deli, on the east
of Sumatra, and at that time un-
developed. The young Dutchman
had to go on shore, wading through
the swamp. On land he was taken
by natives to the Sultan of Deli,
who received his guest sitting on
an oil tin."The young Dutchman did not
feel particularly at home, although
he was kindly treated. When the
Sultan offered the young Dutchman
a long cigarette, rolled in a tobac-
co leaf, the latter's face brighten-
ed, for he found the smell of thePigmy guides of the Batwa
tribe for the British expedition
pedition is headed by Col. F.
Burgess, who are hunting goril

FIGHTING CHOLERA.

HOW EPIDEMICS IN INDIA
ARE FORETOLD.

THREE MAIN RESULTS.

Cholera epidemics in India can
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cholera epidemics occur when the
monsoon ends early or when there is
a deficiency of the winter rains (this
apparent paradox is explained by the
consequent interference with the
water supply); and (3) that, in addi-
tion to the moisture of the air and
rainfall variations, the most impor-
tant factor influencing the prevalence
and spread of cholera is the move-
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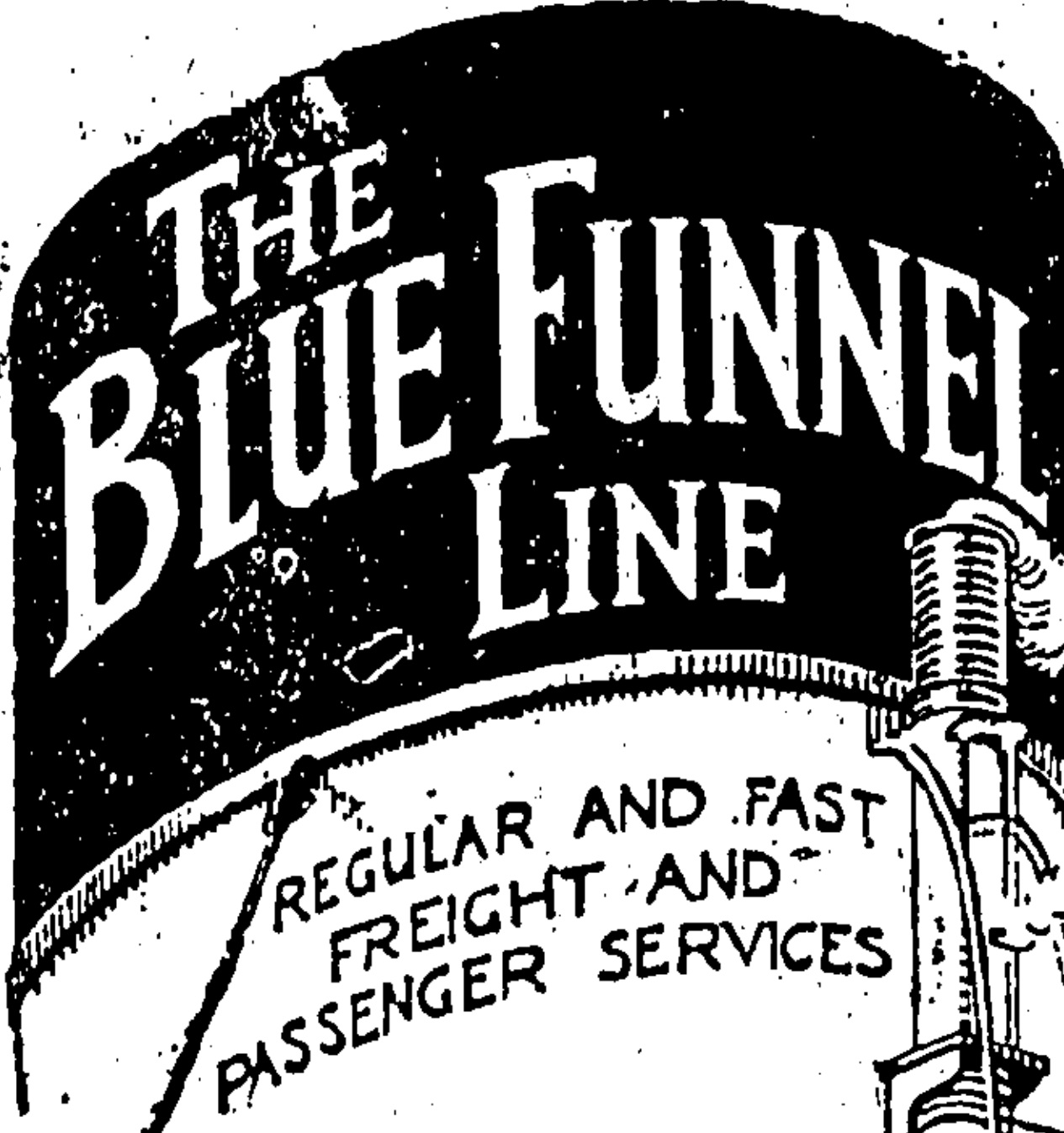
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2	
Straits	Khiva.
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3	
Japan & Shanghai	Macedonia.
Straits	Malwa.
MONDAY FEBRUARY 6	
Australia & Manila	Kidderpore.
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7	
Australia & Manila	Tanda.
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Malwa	Change.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10	
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For	Per
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31	
Macao	Chuenchow 5.45 p.m.
Samsui & Wuchow	Kong Ning 4.30 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1	
Holhow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Taiqua Maru 8.30 a.m.
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Bangkok	Hernod 8.30 a.m.
Saigon	Kuikang 8.30 a.m.
Swatow & Foochow	Chipsang 1.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2	
Straits	Van Heutz 10.30 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	Parcel Noon.
Letters 1 p.m.	Namsang 12.30 p.m.
Japan	Khiva 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3	
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia	Macedonia 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hai Hong Noon
Swatow & Amoy	Antung 2.30 p.m.
Japan	Kidderpore 5 p.m.
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5	
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Kai Maru 9 a.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7	
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hai Ning 1 p.m.
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Swatow	Kwai Sang 5 p.m.

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A GOVERNOR'S LIFE.

Alleged Plot Against
Mr. J. McNeill.

DETECTIVE GUARD.

Scotland Yard Receives Message
From Dublin.

London, Yesterday.
News of an alleged plot against James McNeill, the new Governor-General of the Irish Free State, who is to be installed at the Vice-regal Lodge on February 1, is stated to have been received by Scotland Yard from the police of Dublin.

Armed detectives have been immediately entrusted with the task of protecting Mr. McNeill, who is at present in London and special precautions are taking place for his safety when he crosses the Channel to take up residence.

Strict watch was kept by the police at Mr. McNeill's house in Kensington all night long. Several motor-cars arrived at the house at 8 o'clock this morning. Three contained detectives and the others luggage guarded by detectives. When Mr. McNeill reached Euston Station detectives escorted him to a special coach in front of the train where the platform was barricaded and only bearers of Scotland Yard permits were allowed to enter.

Mr. McNeill, who was very cheerful, declined to receive pressmen. Detectives accompanied him in the train to Holyhead.

Unperturbed.

Many detectives and police awaited Mr. McNeill's arrival at Kingstown Pier. Mr. McNeill told Reuter at Dublin that he declined to take the report of the plots "too seriously."

SIR HENRY POLLOCK.

RE-ELECTED TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

CHANGES FORESHADOWED.

No nominations have been received for membership of the Legislative Council against that of Sir Henry Pollock whose period of office had expired and as the required period has passed, Sir Henry will be reappointed.

Sir Henry was proposed by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and seconded by the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.

It is understood that Sir Henry will be reappointed as Attorney-General when Sir Joseph Kemp goes on leave shortly and, in that event, there will be a temporary vacancy on the Council as Sir Henry will become a temporary Official member.

Another vacancy, it is stated, will be caused by the impending departure of the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard to take up an appointment in the London office of Jardine, Matheson and Company in succession to Mr. David Landale. It is possible, in this event, that Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, who served on the Council during Sir Henry Pollock's absence, will take Mr. Bernard's place on the Council.

SNEAK THIEF SENTENCED.

A sneak thief was this morning sentenced to nine months hard labour and 20 strokes of the birch at the Central Magistracy for snatching a handbag from Miss Sylvia Reigh in Queen's Road yesterday.

SPEEDING.

Before Major C. Willson, at "traffic time" at Central Magistracy this morning, the driver of a public motor car No. 418 was charged with speeding between Wing Lok Street and Centre Street at 12.45 p.m. on January 24 and was fined \$20.

New Classes in Cantonese will commence at the University tomorrow; further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar.

TRAIN WRECKED.

President Cosgrave's
Escape.

AN OPEN SWITCH.

None of Presidential Party
Injured.

Ottawa, Yesterday.
The special train carrying President Cosgrave from Montreal was wrecked at Casselman through running into an open switch.

It is officially stated that Mr. Cosgrave's car was derailed but remained upright. None of his party was injured.

It is unofficially reported that the driver and fireman were killed.—Reuter.

The permanent way foreman was the only fatality, the driver and fireman being seriously injured. Four cars were derailed, but President Cosgrave's car remained on the metals.

A large crowd, including members of the Cabinets and a military guard of honour waiting at the station to welcome Mr. Cosgrave, in whose honour a series of important functions have been arranged to-day by the would-be welcome, dispersed, but a special train was despatched to bring the party to the capital.—Reuter.

MACAO & HONG KONG

PORTUGUESE APPRECIATION OF RECENT VISIT.

LISBON PRESS COMMENT.

The mails from Lisbon and Oporto arriving at Macao last week brought a bundle of newspapers published in Portugal with very extended translations of the reports published in the Hong Kong newspapers of the visit of His Excellency Senhor Artur Tamagnini de Souza Barbosa and Mme. and Mlle. Barbosa to Hong Kong in September of last year. The translations are supplemented by reproductions of photographs illustrating the landing of the Governor of Macao at Queen's Pier, with Sir Cecil Clementi in the foreground, the inspection of the Guard of Honour and other scenes connected with the official Portuguese visit.

It is noteworthy that all newspapers, regardless of their political creed, made favourable editorial comments concerning the visit and were fully appreciative of the reception given the visitors by His Excellency the Governor of Hong Kong, and the British, Portuguese and Chinese Communities in the Colony. Non-political as well as the partisan Press were in unison in praise of the visit and gratified at the entente cordial which the visit denoted. There was not a single discordant note.

Result of the Visit.

The December volume of the "Bulletin" of the General Agency of the Portuguese Colonies contains a full report of the visit illustrated with two full-page pictures. A copy of the "Bulletin" we understand, has been presented to Sir Cecil Clementi by the Governor of Macao. Concluding a long article, the "Bulletin" says:—

"It is gratified, as it cannot fail to be, at the indisputable result of the visit of the Governor of Macao to Hong Kong not only for the high consideration we hold towards this high-functionary—a truly outstanding figure in the Portuguese colonial civil service—but also for the good results that this visit, so intelligently conducted, will accrue to our colony in the Far East."

The "Diário de Notícias," the Lisbon equivalent of the "London Times," gives prominence to the report in a double-column heading and comments thus:—"The captivating manifestations were of an extreme and unsurpassing kindness. These manifestations are an expression of incontestable sympathy with the Portuguese nation and respect for our prestige in the Orient. The Press accentuates well what is so worthy of note, viz. the affability, the consideration and the respect of which the Chinese community gave evidence in the various functions, among which must be mentioned the reception in the Chinese Merchants' Club to Senhor Artur Tamagnini Barbosa, who, as Governor of Macao, has improved materially the financial situation of that colony—a fact that affirms his great administrative ability."

The "Seculo," the oldest and most conservative daily published in Lisbon, in its issue of November 15 last, gives prominence to the report of the visit. It intro-

LOSING VENTURE.

America and Southern
Nations.

A WRONG TURN.

Mr. Hearst Condemns Govern-
ment's Policy.

New York, Yesterday.
Strong criticism of the policy of the United States Government and an appeal for the co-operation of the English-speaking nations of the world is contained in a signed article published by Mr. W. R. Hearst, the leading United States newspaper proprietor, in his chain of newspapers, condemning the Government's policy in participating in the Pan-American Conference, which he declares is a losing venture for the United States.

Mr. Hearst says it is natural for the weak Latin-American nations to combine against the powerful Anglo-Saxon Republic of the North, and the conference only emphasises the fundamental differences which those of race suggest.

The United States, he says, should turn to the Northern boundary rather than to the Southern as a great opportunity for the welfare of the world lies in the co-operation of the English-speaking nations.

The article is significant as it follows a similar appeal published by Mr. Hearst a year ago, which created great interest throughout the world.—Reuter's American Service.

duces the report with the remark that "we have already alluded briefly to the visit of the Governor of Macao, Sr. Tamagnini Barbosa, to the British Colony of Hong Kong where he received effusive manifestations of respect and sympathy from the British Governor and the leading representatives of the Chinese and Portuguese communities."

The daily enjoying the largest circulation in Oporto—"O Primeiro de Janeiro"—reproduces the picture of the official landing at Queen's Pier. In directing its readers' attention to the illustration the paper says:—"The recent stay of Sr. Tamagnini Barbosa, Governor of Macao, at Hong Kong, was characterised by a very kind reception accorded to the representative of Portugal on the occasion of his visit to the Governor of the English Colony, Sir Cecil Clementi. Our illustration shows Sir Cecil Clementi in the act of introducing Sr. Tamagnini Barbosa to the high military and civil officials."

Another Oporto journal is "O Commercio" and, as its name implies, represents commercial interests in Portugal. Its appreciation is expressed in the following terms:—"The visit which Sr. Tamagnini Barbosa, Governor of Macao, made to Sir Cecil Clementi, Governor of the British colony of Hong Kong, was crowned with the greatest success and was characterised by the utmost affability between the visitors and the visited. The reception, truly exceptional, which was given to the Macao Governor at Hong Kong, may be judged from the report which follows. The report extended to two columns of translation from the Hong Kong newspapers."

A Cordial Reception.

The "Republica Portuguesa" is the organ of Sr. Barbosa's political party and, as such, accorded the report of the visit pride of place in its issue of December 2 last. It writes of the visit as "a cordial reception by Hong Kong." Referring to Sr. Barbosa, it says editorially:—"Our esteemed friend and valued co-religionist, Sr. Artur Tamagnini Barbosa, most distinguished among the superior colonial officials who, for the second time, with sound judgment uncommon intelligence and great patriotic and republican devotion, is exercising the authority of first magistrate in that Portuguese Colony in the Far East, found in the Hong Kong on the part of the authorities and of the British, Portuguese and Chinese residents, a very kind and affecting reception—unequivocal proof of the consideration and esteem which surround him and the justified appreciation which he holds there of his work in the administration of Macao."

Catholic Opinion.

The Catholic organ—"A Voz"—devoted considerable space to a report compiled from the Hong Kong English dailies. It writes in glowing terms of what is described as Sr. Barbosa's "enthusiastic reception," and refers to Macao as "the advance sentinel of the Portuguese colonial empire."

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